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A MILE OF SMILES

More than 100 people took part in the Thanet Mile on Sunday to raise money for Sport Relief.

The event was held at the Marlowe Academy's running track in Newington, Ramsgate.

The assorted runners were encouraged on the start line by Olympic 2012 hopeful Jack Green, who represents Great Britain at under-20 level in the 400-metre hurdles.

The Thanet Mile was organised by the council's Sport Matters team in association with Sainsbury's Thanet. Prior to the race, representatives from national partners Bannatynes Health and Fitness were on hand to perform a group warm-up for the runners.

Spectators who cheered the runners were also able to take part in health tests by Thanet Leisure Force, while Skip2bfit was on hand, providing skipping challenges. Thanet Cricket Board provided the catering.

■ BY TOM BETTS

YOUNGSTERS are putting their lives and the lives of motorists on the line by 'free-running' next to one of the busiest roads in Margate.

Twice in as many weeks Yourthanet reporters have witnessed teenagers climbing, balancing on and jumping the barrier between the road and the pavement and steps in Hawley Street near the College Square shopping centre as cars sped past.

They tread precariously along the metal barrier, some even jumping from the top of the wall opposite, straight on to the top of the barrier and back again.

If someone were to slip and fall from the height of the railings, they could end up under the wheels of a passing vehicle.

Tumbled

There is nothing to break their fall on to the road and on Saturday one youth almost tumbled into the path of an oncoming car when he swayed back and forth after mistiming his jump.

A woman who lives just up the road from the spot said: "I see the kids doing this a lot, during the weekends and the school holidays."

"They seem to have a fascination with that area and my heart is in my mouth every time they jump on to the barrier as they don't seem to look when cars are coming."

"They could easily just fall off into the road as drivers come up to the traffic lights there. It's only a matter of time before there's an accident and someone is hit by a car. They

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Visitor centres chopped in council money-saving

■ BY TOM BETTS

VISITOR-information services on the isle are to be cut in a bid to save Thanet council money.

The local authority is planning to make increasing use of its mobile tourism-information centre and information points by closing the visitor centres in Dickens House Museum in Broadstairs and Albert Street in Ramsgate.

Officers claim that the move will increase efficiency and improve the service, saying there will be no job cuts.

Savings will come from not taking on seasonal staff during the summer and by losing the running costs of the building in Ramsgate.

Volunteers

Information points will be introduced at sites across Thanet to ensure information is easier to access.

Negotiations are under way to keep some form of visitor-information centre in the town once the Albert Street office closes on Saturday.

David Green, the Mayor of Ramsgate, has suggested that the service could be brought into the home of the new town council at Custom House.

The Dickens House Museum will remain open and volunteers will continue to help visitors with advice on the area.

An information kiosk, run by the Broadstairs Tourism and Leisure Association, will continue to be based at the Lilliput mini golf-course.

Shirley Tomlinson, cabinet mem-



CHANGING SERVICE: Shirley Tomlinson

ber for environmental services, said: "We are changing the service we provide to our visitors to ensure that we target tourist information more effectively."

"We need to get our team out and about to the many superb events we have across Thanet throughout the summer months."

"That's where visitors to the area often head and it makes sense to ensure that we have staff there to tell them all about the great things they can see and do in Thanet."

"The way that people want their information is changing and we all have to accept that. These days, people would often prefer to access information online, for example."

"They may also prefer to get information at an event, a tourist attraction or from the place that they're staying in."

"That's why we're working to ensure there's increased information available at tourism businesses and attractions."

The information tent will be out and about at occasions like Margate's Big Event, and the Margate Visitor Information Centre in the Parade will remain open.

Opposition

Cllr Tomlinson said: "Thanet is not the only area to be going through this process. Many other parts of the country are also cutting back on their visitor-information centres as the recession bites."

"Over the next five years, this council needs to save more than £6 million and we have to ensure that every service we provide is as cost-effective as it is possible to be. We believe the changes we're making to visitor information will do just that."

Alan Poole, the opposition member for environmental services, said: "Thanet's economy still relies heavily on tourists visiting Thanet and the closure of the Ramsgate and Broadstairs Visitor Information Centres is very disappointing and sends the wrong message."

"I feel the proposal to provide tourist-information leaflets only in Ramsgate and Broadstairs is totally inadequate."

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Pianist Freya picks up top music prizes

TINKLING the ivories is a way of life for young Freya Rhodes.

The pianist, a pupil of St Lawrence College in Ramsgate, is picking up prizes left, right and centre.

At Thanet Music and Drama Festival, at Canterbury Christ Church University's Broadstairs campus, Freya won cups in the under-12 and under-13 classes and the Millennium Cup, which is presented to the candidate awarded the highest marks by the adjudicator.

Freya, 11, also won a bursary for the junior recital and the best-musician title for the second year.

Mother Christina said: "Freya is the only competitor to win the title of best musician more than once."

"Her teacher, Jocelyn Emptage, is immensely proud of her."

Freya will be performing at the winners' concert at Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, Hilderstone College, Broadstairs on Friday (March 26).

Dr Stephen Ladyman MP will present her with her prizes and festival president Roger Gale MP will also attend the show.

PCSO praised after preventing suicide

A POLICE community support officer who prevented a man threatening to commit suicide last week has been hailed as "outstandingly brave" by his superiors.

PCSO Sam White was called to Wellington Crescent in Ramsgate on Thursday after a report of a man climbing over railings on the East Cliff at about 3pm.

The man had clambered back over the railings but was still threatening to jump off, so PCSO White got his body between the man and the huge drop, despite the man's increasingly hostile behaviour.

Thanet District Commander Ch Insp Mitchell Fox said: "Sam compromised his own safety to help another in a position of great need, an act in the highest traditions of the police service."

"Excellent work like this which my staff more often than not see as them simply doing their job makes me exceptionally proud of my team."

The arrested man is now in the care of a mental-health team in hospital.

You catch fish, chef will cook it for you

CHEFS at a top Ramsgate restaurant are vowing to cook the best catch that you can muster.

The owners of Eddie Gilberts in King Street say chef Craig Mather will serve up your fish with their 'you catch it, we cook it' idea.

Michelin-trained head chef Craig Mather is bracing himself for a flurry of cod and skate as flatfish such as Dover sole are less abundant in the colder months, but from mid-June to September sea-anglers visit the isle to fish for bass.

Soon after opening the fish-mongers, owner Jonny Dunhill had anglers coming in to sell their excess catch, which he was pleased to buy.

Now, with the gourmet 50-seater restaurant open, he says the offer seems a natural progression.

Anglers get a 20 per cent discount on the menu price when they supply the fish.

Craig Mather is a graduate of Thanet Catering College, while Michelin trained at Mallory Court in Warwickshire, where he worked for four years.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

What future would you like for Secret Garden?

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE future of an old burial ground is to be debated at a public meeting.

The Countess of Huntingdon's Zion Chapel burial ground is locked up and virtually unused, but many believe that one of Margate's 'hidden gems' could be an asset to the community.

People are being invited to share ideas about how to make best use of the land, known locally as the Secret Garden, which sits in Addington Square.

It is owned by Thanet council but has been locked since the end of last summer as it had become a vandalism hot-spot and drinking hangout for youths.

Headstones and memorials have been smashed and broken in recent years, prompting the council to lock the main gates.

Louise Oldfield, chairwoman of the Margate Conservation Area Advisory Group, said: "The garden is a magical place. I couldn't believe it when I stumbled across it.

"It's really great that there is revived interest in the garden through local and family history, biodiversity and nature trails.

"I hope that people will come along and get involved."

The public meeting takes place from 6pm today (Wednesday) at the Holy Trinity and St John's School, St John's Road, Margate.

All are welcome and there will be a brief storytelling session as introduction from the Tom Thumb Theatre in Cliftonville

The graveyard and chapel were built to serve the congregation of the Countess of



HIDDEN GEM: Margate's Secret Garden was locked up after it became a favourite drinking spot for unruly teenagers

Huntingdon's Connexion, a small society of evangelical churches. Some notable occupants of the burial ground are Thomas Gardner, Queen Victoria's body guard; Stephen Wells, who claimed to have built Margate's shell grotto; and members of the famous Cobb family, who were important to the growth of the town.

A Thanet council spokeswoman said: "The site has many problems as it is at the end of the road and there is only one way in.

"As it is not overlooked, there have been many problems with graffiti, vandalism and drinking parties.

"We have been in discussion with St John's School and Louise Oldfield about organising a group who are interested in maintaining or helping to look after it.

"The council has not been asked to attend the meeting but would be happy to work with a group if it is interested in setting one up."

Benefit fraudster appears in court

A RAMSGATE man has been given a 12-month suspended prison sentence after admitting benefit fraud.

Wayne Curry, 35, from Broad Street, was in receipt of housing benefit, council-tax benefit and income support on the basis that he was a single person on a low income with a child.

He claimed £35,000 more than he was entitled to after failing to declare he had been living with a partner for four years.

Curry received housing benefit overpayments of £14,881, income support overpayments of £20,619 and an overpayment of £2,475 council-tax benefit.

He was prosecuted in a joint case by Thanet council and the Department of Work and Pensions.

Curry pleaded guilty at Canterbury Crown Court to all charges and was sentenced on Monday, March 15, to 12 months in prison, suspended for two years, and 100 hours' community service.

He was also ordered to pay £5,000 compensation and given a six-month curfew order.

Dancers Diversity reschedule show

BRITAIN'S Got Talent winners Diversity postponed last night's show at Margate's Winter Gardens due to technical problems.

The show has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 27.

A spokesman said: "Diversity want to apologise for any inconvenience but are dedicated to bringing the show to Margate and are looking forward to ending their UK tour in Margate.

"Tickets will be valid for the rescheduled date, and refunds are available from the point of purchase."



DANGER: A freerunner on Hawley Street

Freerunners 'risking lives'

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE seem like good kids because they don't really bother anyone, but I worry they will come a cropper."

The antic, also known as parkour, originated in France and is dubbed the 'art of movement'.

It sees participants run, jump and balance on obstacles in cities and towns, encouraging speedy and efficient movement.

People do not need any equipment to practise it but use obstacles such as railings, walls and street furniture to jump on, over and around.

The youths may be attracted to Hawley Street as it has sloping walls and steps seen as interesting points to navigate and jump.

Isle unemployment hits a 12-year high

UNEMPLOYMENT in Thanet has reached its highest level for 12 years.

Figures charting unemployment rates in Kent and Medway show that there are now 4,482 people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance on the isle.

The last time that number was beaten was in March 1998, when 4,490 people were claiming the benefit.

The total has more than doubled in the last three years, rising to 6.2 per cent of the isle's population.

The numbers given are for February 2010, the latest available, and show that Thanet still has the highest percentage of unemployed people in Kent.

David Foley, chief executive of the Thanet and East Kent Chamber of commerce, said: "Thanet remains burdened with the highest rate of unemployment in Kent at 6.2 per cent, against a mere 2.2 per cent in Tunbridge Wells, but we take heart from learning that the annual rate of decline in Thanet has fallen from the 28.1 per cent listed in last month's data to 18 per cent in the most recent calculation.

"We are also beginning to see genuine rises in annual employment rates in certain wards.

"In Thanet, more people are in jobs

now than a year ago in Bradstowe, Nethercourt and Thanet Villages."

Of the Thanet total, the statistics show that 3,353 of those people are male, while 1,129 are female.

The unemployment hot-spots are the wards of Margate Central and Cliftonville West, whose numbers tower above the rest of Thanet with about 14 per cent of the population out of work.

Spiralled

Central Harbour ward and East Cliff ward in Ramsgate are the third and fourth on the list.

Kingsgate is the ward with the lowest amount of unemployed, with just 1.3 per cent.

Almost one in 20 people are now out of work, although the figures do not take account of people who do not sign on.

In November 2007, the number claiming was hovering around the 2,000 mark, but it has spiralled upwards ever since.

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GRAND OUTLOOK: The Dalby Square area of Cliftonville has excellent examples of Victorian seaside architecture

Victorian square splendid enough for conservation

A CLIFTONVILLE square could be the next part of the isle to be designated a conservation area.

Residents in Dalby Square are being asked for their views on the idea by Thanet council.

The square, and parts of nearby Arthur Road and Dalby Road, could be included.

Letters are being sent to residents, councillors and community groups to ask what they think.

The area once housed the Cliftonville Hotel – the largest in Thanet with 300 rooms – before it was pulled down in the 1960s. It was replaced by a bowling alley, pub and flats.

Dalby Square is now seen by some as one of the less desirable parts of town, despite having some of the best examples of 19th-century seaside architecture in Thanet.

National bodies such as English Heritage recognise the buildings as being fine models of the period.

A Thanet council official said: "Initial discussions have already taken place with community groups. There has been significant support for Dalby Square and the surrounding area to be designated a conservation area."

Two informal drop-in sessions will be held

■ BY TOM BETTS

next week at St Paul's Community Trust, in St Paul's Road, for people to view the proposals and speak to council officers.

The first will be on Tuesday (March 30) between 11am and 2pm. The second will take place on Thursday (April 1) between 5.30pm and 8pm, and people are welcome to call in at any time.

Councillor John Kirby said: "Thanet already benefits from conservation areas that help to protect the heritage and history of our district."

"There's been a lot of interest in recent years in Cliftonville as it is home to some beautiful architecture, dating to the days when it was a magnet for holidaymakers in the Victorian era."

"We've responded to that interest and that's why we're looking at the idea of creating a conservation area around Dalby Square. We're keen to hear what residents and community groups feel about the idea."

People can comment in writing to Louise Dandy, Thanet District Council, PO Box 9, Margate, CT9 1XZ; alternatively you can email louise.dandy@thanet.gov.uk by April 5.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cutting out the clutter

AN INITIATIVE has been launched that aims to reduce street clutter in the isle's conservation areas.

Thanet council officers have been working with Kent Highway Services in looking at the number and style of road signs being used, with a view to reducing them.

The scheme has been piloted in the Ramsgate harbour area, where signs were either removed or re-sited. Some signs could be made smaller.

District councillor John Kirby said: "Some of the problems we run into in Thanet's conservation areas are to do with unnecessary signage."

"It's important to ensure safety on our roads and that drivers have adequate directions, but there are measures that can be taken to reduce the visual impact on the environment."

Sport Relief showdown

A CHARITY football match in aid of Sport Relief is being held at Hartsdown Park, the home of Margate FC.

Kick-off on the Wednesday, March 31, match will be at 2pm. The fixture will pit Hartsdown Technology College staff and students against each other.

It will be the college's third annual charity game. Last year's raised funds for the Dad's Quest prostate-cancer appeal.

The sides will be cheered on by a crowd of some 1,000 students. Vice-principal Tony Davies said: "There will be bragging rights at stake, but the only winner is charity."

Robbery witness appeal

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a robbery at a house in St Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea.

Officers responded to a call at 8.20am on Friday last week and forensic teams were later called to the scene. Neighbourhood teams conducted house-to-house inquiries. It is believed cash was taken by two offenders.

Police want to speak to anyone who may have seen or heard anything, or who saw a suspicious vehicle, possibly a silver Ford Focus, in the vicinity that morning.

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Rude awakening for man in police bust

Police raid an address in Ellington Road, Ramsgate, during a crackdown on people suspected of dealing in stolen goods and drugs.

Officers smashed in the door to search the premises during a series of dawn raids in an operation that stretched across the isle.

A team of eight carried out the bust on this house and brought in sniffer dogs for the search.

Following his rude awakening, a man arrested here was later released without charge.

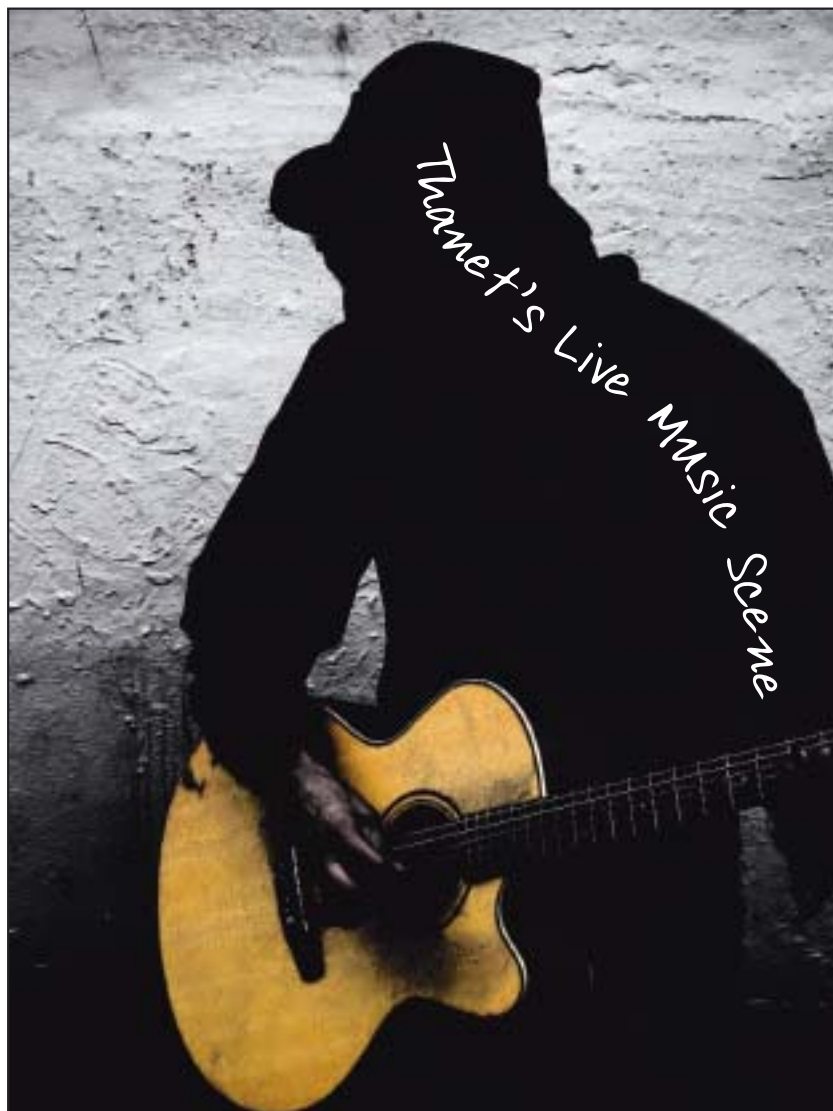
The operation was planned to crack down on activity feeding into the drug-supply chain.

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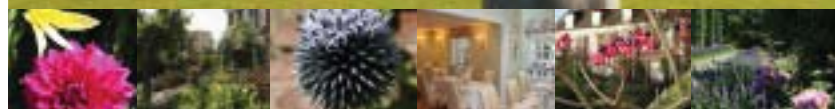
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Dance and music help create unity

YOUNG people from different communities and backgrounds have come together to create a funky street dance.

Set to an original track that they had created during stepping-out, the newest venture from the dynamic creative-arts charity Create, 28 youngsters got involved.

The project was funded by county-council members' grants from Isle of Wight councillors Mike Jarvis and Chris Wells.

Run by Create's professional dancers and musicians, stepping-out used music and dance activities to bring young people together.

During the workshops, youngsters devised and rehearsed an original dance piece, People And Places, drawing on modern, street and hip-hop dance influences and called their troupe Streetbeat.

Beats

Activities during two days of workshops saw Create's composer help participants create beats and sample sounds, before producing the 15-minute track.

Create is a charity that uses the arts to help transform the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

The project culminated in a performance of the dance piece at St Paul's Community Centre on Friday, February 20.

Cllr Wells said: "I had wanted to bring Create's services to Margate for several years, having met them in London.

"Experts tell us one of the best ways to reduce hostility and prejudice between groups is to bring them together with equal status, common goals, authority support and enjoying the experience.

"Create and KRMSG do all of that and more. It has been a delight to help them all achieve so much."

Radio station given the clear signal to broadcast

■ BY TOM BETTS

ACADEMY FM is ready to rock'n'roll.

The new community radio station for the Isle, based at Ramsgate's Marlowe Academy, has been granted a licence, despite protests from across the Channel.

Authorities in Belgium had rejected the station's request to broadcast on the grounds that its intended frequency of 107.8FM was protected in Belgium – their verdict came just an hour before the final deadline of a 100-day period of analysis.

The station needed clearance from France, The Netherlands and Belgium to transmit on its chosen frequency – there were no objections from either the French or the Dutch.

Clearance

Station manager Pete Willson said: "We were awarded a community licence in June 2009, but in November we were advised by Ofcom that we needed clearance from the three countries.

"The Belgians were not broadcasting on it from what we gather, but they said it was a protected frequency there and made this known on the last hour of the last day of the 100-day period."

Ofcom, the communications-industry regulator, sent out a team, which decided that the Belgians' information was inaccurate and went to that country's regulator with its findings.

The Belgian regulator then failed to respond after a couple of weeks and did not reply to



AIR WE GO: Academy FM will be able to broadcast after Belgian claims over the 107.8FM frequency came to nothing

technical data sent to it. Because of this failure to act, Ofcom told Academy FM bosses on Tuesday last week that the frequency was finally theirs.

Mr Willson said: "Local radio is in my blood, so I'm very excited about this. Over the years we saw it become very successful, so to be given

the chance to bring local radio back to the people of Thanet is a real honour."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

STEPHEN ROPER



Q Was it always your dream to open a gallery?

A Yes. It all started when I was a small boy in the 70s with my mum at her stall in Camden Lock Market. The sights and smells of the creative bustle have always remained vivid and exciting to me. When we moved to Whitstable in the 80s we turned a derelict property into a gallery that set a trend in the town. We've done the same in Margate since 2002 on a bigger scale, which has been daunting and not without huge risks but is nearing fruition after long delays to the town's regeneration. In April, we're also opening a tiny gallery on the harbour arm, called the Old Town Gallery On Sea. Our vision is to display the work of leading contemporary applied and visual artists.

Q What do you think will happen to Margate in the next five years?

A A renaissance based around Turner Contemporary, Dreamland and individual businesses that have already begun arriving. Margate needs to go with the times, as it used to before its decline in the 70s. Initially it grew from a poor fishing village to an elegant 18th-century town, having the first Georgian squares outside London. That legacy, along with the sea, is the town's best asset. The town is fascinating for its many historic layers, each based on an identity that was brash and new in its day, and has always been driven by trends and fashions emanating from London.

Q Tell us a little about your background?

A Born in London, I spent my teenage years in Whitstable and then took a history degree at the University in Canterbury, opening my first gallery to finance myself. I have been in Margate for eight years.

Q What inspires the jewellery you make?

A I am inspired by nature and the ancient and medieval past. I work in silver and gold, using stones and enamel, creating jewellery that is contemporary, tactile and artistic. Those who wear my work often feel it's like an ancient excavated piece, and yet modern.

Q How long does it take for you to create your jewellery?

A All my work is individually made. I start by doodling, maybe inspired by a photograph or something I have seen when walking. After making a prototype, pieces are made in small batches on the bench, going through the stages of sawing, forging, soldering, filing, sanding, polishing and stone-setting. A ring might take four hours from design to completion.

Q Why did you choose to open your gallery in Margate?

A I first heard of the culture-led regeneration plans for Margate on the BBC news in

2001 when the original Turner gallery design was announced. That vision inspired me.

Q What do you like best about being your own boss?

A I set my own goals and know that whatever I achieve is 100 per cent through my own efforts. It's worth getting out of bed for.

Q Who is your inspiration professionally and personally?

A My wonderful mum.

Q What is the best thing about living in Thanet?

A The beautiful architecture and the sea.

Q How can the fortunes of Margate's traders be improved?

A Right now there are two opposing forces in Margate – the high street's decline driven by Westwood Cross and the regeneration plans for a new identity. In truth, Westwood hastened a decline begun many years before. But it is saddening that the Turner delays and departure of M&S have resulted in such trauma and cynicism, shortsighted though I think it is. Making a living in Margate is very hard right now. I am sure it will improve in a year or so. People have to be positive.

Q&A

Stephen Roper, owner of the Old Town Gallery in Margate, talks to Tom Betts about the inspiration behind his jewellery designs, the historic legacy of the resort and the cultural hopes that he has for its future

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Stone reminder of woman's grisly death by lonely bay

■ BY NICK AMES

WALKERS at Sandwich Bay have long been intrigued by a memorial stone with an unusual inscription by the side of it.

It gives the bare details of what was obviously a terrible crime committed in the past and which must have aroused local passions intensely for a memorial to be erected.

Mary Bax's Stone, which has stood for more than 200 years, marks a gruesome murder.

The story goes that on August 25, 1782, Mary Bax was walking along the old road from Deal to Sandwich carrying a parcel.

She was just beyond the Chequers Inn when she was apprehended by an absent-without-leave Swedish sailor, Martin Lash, who demanded the parcel.

She refused and in the struggle was struck many times and murdered – her body being concealed in a ditch.

The murder was witnessed by a young boy – the son of “a looker [shepherd] in the marshes”, who ran back to Deal to raise the alarm.

A search of the immediate area proved unproductive, but it was then widened to include nearby towns.

Eventually, Lash was arrested in Folkestone after being discovered asleep at the foot of a tombstone in the churchyard – still in possession of the stolen parcel.

MEMORIAL: Stone and plaque remembering Mary Bax, who was beaten to death by Swede Martin Lash in 1782



He was taken to Maidstone gaol, tried and executed for Mary Bax's murder.

During this period in history, hanging was the most usual punishment for murder, while lesser crimes would result in a prison sentence or deportation to one of the colonies of the British Empire – usually Australia.

Hangings could be carried out in towns and villages and were usually open to public

viewing. It was not until more than a century later that they were either carried out behind the walls of a prison or at special places such as Tyburn in London.

The stone and its plaque are in a remote stretch of the bay but have continued to attract attention from historians, who managed to piece together the details of the murder and include it on a website aimed at visitors.



ON THE WING: The Edinburgh service is popular

Interest sky-high in Scottish flights

TICKET-sales for the new route from Manston airport to Edinburgh are booming.

Flights of the new Flybe-operated route are filling up fast, with 50 per cent of spaces now taken.

The uptake has been ahead of the airline's initial forecasts and the isle could soon be welcoming many Scots, who will fly down from the capital city.

The flights are the only scheduled ones from Kent International Airport and take 80 minutes.

Matt Clarke, chief executive of the airport, said: “The opportunity to fly to Edinburgh, an exciting and historic European capital, without the hassle of enduring the M25 and with the added benefit of low-cost, convenient parking is obviously proving very attractive.

“Early inbound sales from Scottish-based travellers indicate that Kent is also set for a welcome boost as visitors deliver increased spending as tourists or enjoying time with friends and family.”

Flybe is the only UK carrier to feature in the Forbes 2009 Top 10 on-time arrival list of Global Major Carriers.

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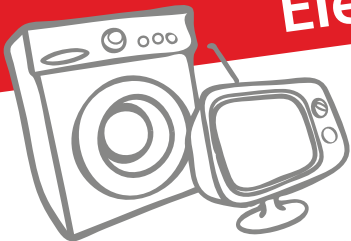
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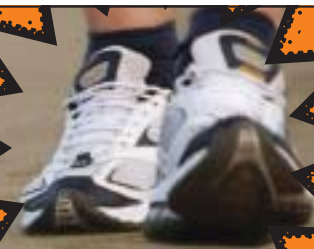
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Air ambulance searches for its fund-raising stars



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And since its introduction in 1990, this figure has soared, with hundreds now safe and well thanks to the committed crew.

But officials at the Kent Air Ambulance Trust have admitted the real heroes are those who spend their time raising vital cash to fund the £1.7 million needed annually to keep the service running.

And to show their appreciation, a special awards ceremony, sponsored by KOS Media, is being held to mark the 20th anniversary and thank the fund-raisers.

John Tickner, chief executive of Kent Air Ambulance, said the awards – the first of their kind – acknowledged the huge support the charity had in the county.

He said: "This year marks a special anniversary in the life of the air ambulance, but this has only been made possible by the generosity of the people in Kent."

Since 1991, almost every penny of the £1.7m needed per year has come from public donations, with funds paying for doctors, fuel, training, equipment and medication. Officials are hoping to raise even more money so the service can also run through the night.

And in 1998, when a crash took the lives of pilot Graham Budden and paramedics Mark Darby and Tony Richardson, donations flooded in for a new helicopter bearing the initials of the casualties.

Lynn Hyder, county fund-raiser at the air ambulance, said the charity was now inviting nominations from the public saying who they thought should be commended for their fund-raising efforts.

Ms Hyder said: "All these inspiring people have helped save lives through their generosity and we think these awards are a fitting tribute to show our thanks."

The black-tie ceremony is being held at Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall on Saturday, May 8.

To nominate someone, fill in the form (right) and send it to Freepost Kent Air Ambulance.

Life-saving service to hold special ceremony in honour of those who raise vital £1.7m needed each year

Kent Air Ambulance 20th Anniversary Awards

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TAKE YOUR PICK: KOS Media's annual show will see thousands flock to discover holiday bargains

Travel and leisure show offers host of getaway deals

EXCLUSIVE deals for day-trips, week-end breaks and holidays abroad will be on offer at KOS Media's third annual Travel and Leisure Show.

Last year's event was a huge success, with more than 4,000 visitors flocking to the Dover Cruise Terminal to find out more about the attractions available on their doorstep, as well as those on the other side of the Channel and beyond.

This year's show will be held at the same venue on Sunday, March 28, and promises to be bigger and better than ever.

KOS Media events manager Liz Hare said: "After two successful years, the show has become the biggest of its kind in the region."

"With the variety of local tourist attractions, cruising holidays and many other leisure opportunities, it provides a great day out for all the family."

"In previous years, many visitors have actually booked their holiday at the show itself or taken advantage of other great exclusive show offers."

This year's Travel and Leisure Show will take place just one week after the end of British Tourism Week, which aims to raise awareness of the importance of the industry to the national economy.

Among the companies represented will be many of the major cruise-lines and ferry operators, with some great cross-Channel offers and short breaks available to book on the day.

Presentation

Coaching holidays will also be promoted, as will air travel through Kent International Airport at Manston.

Representatives from many of Kent's biggest tourist attractions – as well from the lesser-known 'little gems' – will be on hand to answer any questions visitors may have, and there will also be a presentation theatre with speakers covering a range of topics throughout the day.

As well as the large number of companies exhibiting at the event, there will be a competition to win a two-week cruise courtesy of Fred Olsen Cruise Lines.

There are 31 other fantastic prizes to be won, including an overnight stay with dinner at Canterbury's ABoDe Hotel, a return Channel crossing provided by Norfolkline and a family membership of Kent Wildlife Trust.

Children's entertainment, a licensed bar and refreshments will also be available throughout the day, which runs from 9.30am-4.30pm.

Admission and parking to the show is free, but visitors can beat the queues by registering for fast-track entry by visiting www.thetravelandleisureshow.co.uk for more information; alternatively, phone Liz Hare on 01303 817172.

Grand designs recognised at awards evening

A RESTORED mausoleum, a house built from a railway carriage and Ashford's shared-space scheme were among the winners at the Kent Design Awards.

The ceremony, organised by Kent County Council, saw architects behind some of the county's most iconic buildings recognised for their work.

Of the winners, the Darnley Mausoleum, in Cobham Wood, near Gravesend, received the first-ever project-of-the-year award in memory of former KCC leader Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, who died in August 2008.

Canterbury architects Purcell Miller Tritton and PAYE Stonework and Restoration of

London were applauded for their "labour of love" which brought the 18th century listed building back to life after years of vandalism and a major fire in 1980.

KCC's innovative Ashford shared-space scheme, which sees pedestrians and cars sharing the roads, picked up the town-and-village renaissance award.

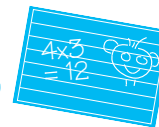
An unusual beach house at Dungeness made from a 19th-century railway carriage was named the residential minor-development winner.

Judge Mathew Woodhead, director of urban design at DHA Planning in Maidstone, said the standard of buildings in and around

Kent was exceptionally high. He said that although there were different categories with unique designs, there were four things judges were looking for.

These were how the building interacted with the surrounding area; usability and who it was designed for; quality of the architecture; and whether key urban design principles were followed, he said.

"Personally, I was really impressed by Folkestone's Quarterhouse. It is an iconic building for the community and it's already attracting lots of musicians and artists. Despite being modern architecture, the building follows the same principles as the older ones around it."



African web chat makes Fairtrade link

■ BY TOM BETTS

A LIVE web-link with a school in Ghana featured in a day of activities led by Ramsgate's Ellington and Hereson School competition at Thanet College catering suite.

The link-up took place on Monday, March 1, to mark the second week of Fairtrade Fortnight.

The sixth-formers also played host to 45 year 5 pupils from nearby Newington community primary school – and the undoubtedly popular theme of the day was chocolate.

The Newington youngsters spent the day in a series of workshops learning about where chocolate, food and other items came from and how Fairtrade could improve the lives of the people and communities who grow or produce the things that we eat and use.

Marlowe students and Newington pupils took part in a quiz with pupils at the Great Fammis School in Akumadan, Ghana.

The school, in Ghana's Ashanti region, has been funded by 'social-premium' money made possible by a Fairtrade cocoa-producers' cooperative.

Students from both countries compared notes on how parts of their lives were either different or similar.

Marlowe Academy principal Ian Johnson said: "Since its inception, the Marlowe Academy teachers and students have played a leading local role – though education, exhibitions and the sale of Fairtrade products – in trying to convince the people of Thanet of the mutual benefits of buying Fairtrade."

Medicines

Tom Webster, a humanities teacher at the Marlowe Academy and newly-appointed secretary of the Thanet Fairtrade Group, helped to organise the Marlowe day of workshops – one of 10,000 events organised throughout the UK during Fairtrade Fortnight.

He said: "The Fairtrade mark guarantees that farmers and producers in the developing world get a fair income for their labours – helping to feed their families and provide benefits for their local communities such as schools, nurses, medicines and the building of wells to ensure they have supplies of clean drinking water."

Chef Matt cooks up a victory

YOUNG chef Matthew Cowell has been named one of the top young cooks in the area.

The 16-year-old from Ramsgate's Ellington and Hereson School impressed judges at the junior chef competition at Thanet College catering suite.

Matthew, who studies food technology at school, is on a one-day-a-week college release.

He had to cook and present a three-course meal in two hours on a £10 budget.

His menu was a goat's cheese salad starter, a main course of lamb stew and mashed potatoes, with chocolate mousse for dessert.

He finished with minutes to spare and was "completely surprised" to be judged the best.

He said: "I wasn't expecting that. I love cooking and am joining Thanet College in September to do catering. I want to be a chef."

In a few weeks, Matthew will be meeting one of the UK's top chefs when former Thanet catering student Gary Rhodes returns to his old college to meet students.

"I'm sure he will have some terrific cooking tips for us," said Matthew.



MASTER CHEF: Matt makes a meal of the competition

Silver-medal win for martial-arts hopeful

BREAK TIME

RISING taekwondo star Jakub Grela has added another medal to his already impressive haul of honours.

The 11-year-old represented Thanet at the 14th British Masters International Open competition and took silver medal in the under-58kg category.

His coach and father Leszek said: "Jakub is one of the best taekwondo WTF [Olympic version] fighters in Great Britain in his age category. He works very hard and he deserves praise."

Jakub, a student at Chatham House Grammar School in Ramsgate, and his

sister Katarzyna, a pupil at Clarendon House, are part of the Ramsgate Olympic Taekwondo Club, run by their father.

Jakub has excelled in competitions around London and the South East and is aiming to compete in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Head of school Andy Williamson said: "Jakub's performances are consistent and impressive and he deserves praise for his enthusiasm, dedication and discipline."



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YOUR LETTERS



Where on Earth did promised jobs go?

Reading last week's front-page story, I wondered why just nine nationalities were named as working at Thanet Earth.

I made it ten, not nine, including England, or are we so unimportant now that we are disregarded and treated as if we are no longer of any consequence? What is happening to this country?

I can remember when Thanet Earth was asking for planning permission and thousands were in opposition as they didn't want a large piece of arable land cemented over. It took a long time for people to change their minds – and the main reason they did was the promise of jobs for local people.

This story proved that whole idea was a farce – not only did it say that there were ten nationalities working there but also English people from outside the area – Dover, Canterbury and Folkestone.

If the jobs are equally given, that gives nine nationalities with 10 per cent each and Thanet people 2.5 per cent as we are sharing with another three Kent areas.

Why do the people of Thanet put up with this? Ever since I have lived here we have been expected to put up with all the mess from everywhere.

Why do people not speak up and fight for their rights? I think it's outrageous.

Carole Russell
Ramsgate

Safe credit union at 27 per cent? Save us

In the March 10 issue of Yourthanet there was an article about a safe alternative to loan sharks, namely a credit union called Kent Savers which offered the desperate a loan at the fiscal rate of 27 per cent interest.

Is this some kind of bad joke, or just another example of rip-off Britain?

In Germany it is illegal for anyone to charge more than 10 per cent interest on a loan.

That includes banks, loan companies or private individuals.

Obviously the German authorities care more about their citizens than ours do.

I've never been in debt in my life – but if ever I do I wouldn't like to

TALK TIME

GRANT PERKINS

The Ramsgate author on his new book, Dwayne Hickenbottom And The Journey To The Centre Of The Birth



What is your new book about?

Dwayne Hickenbottom is a cowardly nobody with a yellow streak longer than a mile of custard. When he finds himself pulled from his mundane life and forced into a world of adventure on planet Doxxville, hilarity ensues.

How many books have you written?

Two novels and a poetry book following the adventures of my comedic anti-hero. Dwayne Hickenbottom And The War Boots Of Doxxville and Journey To The Centre Of The Birth are both available through my website [www.thegrantperkins.com], along with my poetry book, Doxxville Tales.

What are your inspirations?

Douglas Adams, Rob Grant, L Frank Baum and Lewis Carroll, although I frequently find myself being compared to Terry Pratchett.

Where else can people buy your books?

For those not online, the books are available over the counter at my father's cycle shop, The Bike Shed, 71 Canterbury Road, Westbrook.

be at the mercy of British creditors.

I'm not religious, but no wonder Jesus gave the money-lenders the push from the temple.

They should all be ashamed of themselves.

D MacGregor
Ramsgate

Schools idiots are in the establishment

I must correct the impression given by the unfortunate titling of my letter in last week's Yourthanet – 'System producing a nation of idiots'.

I did not imply anywhere in my letter that our education system was bringing about a generation of idiots, only that our educational system was failing our nation's children.

The kids are bright enough. It's the educational establishment – political parties, Whitehall and LEAs etc – who are the idiots.

Gerry O'Donnell
Ramsgate

Qualified to make a real hash of it all?

In response to last week's devastating critique by the all-knowing, all-seeing Gerry O'Donnell of this country's education system, we can only guess at his own schooling experience.

However, ask anyone who has



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been through at least some form of education in this land and they will tell you that the most qualified teachers are almost invariably the least able to carry out their job, ie teach children.

Accordingly, we can all be thankful that Mr O'Donnell's bizarre idea that all teachers should have a first-class degree will never come to pass.

Unless, of course, he re-emerges in yet another party-political guise and sweeps aside all before him in his bid for power.

What price then the country's "dysfunctional illiterates".

Kevin Mount
Broadstairs

Wilson and Blair did so much for schools

In his criticisms of Labour's education policies, Gerry O'Donnell coughs up the old Norman Tebbit chestnut that the 'rot set in' with Harold Wilson's government in 1964.

In fact the Wilson administration did more to expand educational opportunities than any of its predecessors – it set up the Open University, along with other measures that made it possible for more children than ever before to take their education beyond the age of 16.

Tony Blair also believed in the importance of education – consequently, university places have become the norm rather than the preserve of the few.

Today's youngsters have cause to be thankful for the enlightened education policies of Harold Wilson and Tony Blair put in place despite the efforts of their opponents to prevent them.

According to Mr O'Donnell, we have "more dysfunctional illiterates and innumeratees than we had in 1873" – a charming phrase, but on what premise does he base it?

Robert Muir
Westgate

We're paying price of poor judgement

Kent County Council leader Paul Carter and chief executive Peter Gilroy ought to have been dismissed over the millions lost in Iceland.

And I believe that Mr Gilroy should give back his £200,000 goodbye gift and the cash claimed for unused holiday.

Cllr Carter also showed poor judgement with his internet Kent TV station.

Rita Grootendorst
by email

Families can help us compile information

The Children's Trust is a national charity that provides care, education and therapy for children with multiple disabilities and complex health needs, and runs the UK's largest residential

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The trust has 25 years of experience in delivering these services and wants to ensure that families of children with acquired brain injury or multiple disabilities have access to the information they need.

It is our aim to develop more comprehensive information for families who have not had the benefit of the trust's clinical services.

This could include improved information on the internet and more training for families and health professionals.

We are keen to talk to families of children who have an acquired brain injury, perhaps caused by an accident or by an illness such as meningitis, brain tumour or other serious condition.

We hope they will tell us where they feel they have struggled to find answers to their questions and perhaps work with us to improve the information available to families in the future.

If you feel able to help, please call Rob Wood, communications manager at The Children's Trust, on 01737 365077.

Liz Haigh-Reeve
The Children's Trust

Who piled on pounds in the first place?

I commend blogger Gary Wright for having the courage to publicly support the proposed fat tax for overweight airline passengers.

I completely agree that if one person takes up more room and weighs significantly more than his or her fellow passengers, they should pay more for a flight, particularly if their immense mass is largely a product of their own greed.

I was once duped by a friend of a friend's partner into believing that thyroid problems had caused her to balloon from a size ten to 18, only to discover months later she had a passion for eating Chinese takeaways late at night.

Reading Mr Wright's blog inspired me to write about a pet hate of my own with regard to the obese – the vast amount of attention that former fatties are given by the media when they shed a stone or two.

It isn't only celebrities whose weight-loss adorns the pages of newspapers and women's magazines – local papers are getting in on the act, too, praising faceless nobodies for dropping a few dress – or shirt – sizes.

However, the journalists writing these stories, and probably a lot of the people reading them, are forgetting one significant point – that these people allowed themselves to pile on the pounds in the first place.

Of course, weight-loss for individuals who are clinically or morbidly obese is a positive thing – for their health, their self-esteem and for the poor passengers who have to sit next to them on planes.

Emily Grant (size 10)
by email

yourthanetblogger

Clive Hart, the isle's Labour group leader, says that Thanet council is losing control in more ways than one



Tories playing high-risk game over shared council services

HAVING lost effective control of several key services at Thanet council, the Conservative administration has launched the authority into the unknown after a full council meeting held to discuss shared services across east Kent.

Decisions were made that could see Thanet council tied in to long, expensive and binding agreements with its neighbouring authorities with no clear financial savings established – but substantial financial penalties should the ventures fail.

In the week before the meeting, councillors were bombarded with a series of hefty documents, one arriving at our homes by last-minute post on the day of the meeting and yet another on our respective benches as we walked into the chamber for the debate – and no time was allowed to read it.

Throughout the heated debates on council-

housing, waste collection and support services, Labour members warned of concerns that matters were being rushed and decisions being made without fully considering the long-term effects and costs that the changes would cause for taxpayers.

Labour also voiced serious concerns regarding the loss of local democratic control of services. That would mean no political balance on key matters and leave all other elected councillors in several districts with little or no say over services that residents had elected them to control.

Jobs could also be lost to Thanet, as any centralising of management would be unlikely to be based here. Several commonsense amendments were put forward by the Labour group which were met with strong resistance from the ruling Tories.

However, at least our crucial bid to review the results of a consultation process with tenants and leaseholders on housing changes, with a final chance to ballot residents, was accepted.

Just a week later, at the end of February, the council met again and was presented with a financial-risk-assessment report in which council officers described those same shared services as probably the largest risk facing the council to date.

The likelihood of shared services not being progressed was also deemed to be a high risk.

We are only in March, but decisions have already been made that could significantly change the shape of local government.

They were made hurriedly and without proper consideration of the consequences. The administration obviously wants rid of these services, which it is finding increasingly difficult to manage.

The residents of Thanet could be left with the worst of all worlds – distantly-managed and expensive services over which they have little or no control.

For more than six years I've witnessed the council slip further out of control – it really is time for the tired and failed Conservative leader to step down.

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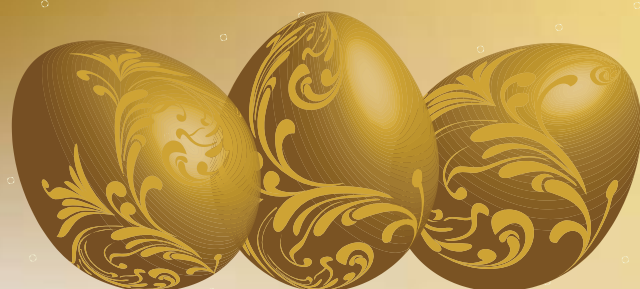
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Triple bill of laughter

THREE top comedians visit Ashford on Friday to keep the laughter flowing at The Comedy Club.

Ashford International Hotel hosts the over-18s event featuring Mandy Muden, Anthony King and The Noise Next Door.

The show starts at 9pm and tickets cost £14 for the show or £20/£18 with a two-course meal. To book call 01233 219988 or visit www.hahaheehee.com.

Singing in the sunshine

ENJOY an evening of musical sunshine as Cantiana perform at Faversham's United Reformed Church.

The singing group will give a fundraising concert called Bring Me Sunshine at 3pm on Saturday. Tickets are available from Lis on 01795 886847 and from the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre on 01795 534542.

Juniors take to stage

TAKE a trip along Life's Winding Road with the Sarah Thorne Junior Drama Group this weekend.

The group will perform short stories, and poems at the Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs, at 7pm on Saturday and 2.30pm on Sunday. Tickets are £7/£5. Call 0845 2626263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Packed bill at gig night

RISING band LeCarla headline an evening of live music at Westcoast in Margate on Friday.

Also on the bill are local pop-punk group Eleven:Eleven, Welsh ska-dub band Dirty Revolution, Mike Lloyd from Challenge the Chess Club and indie-rock band CWB from Canterbury.

Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £2. The show is suitable for all ages.

Award-winning comic

AWARD-WINNING comic Rudi Lickwood headlines a night of laughter at the Ramada Dover this week.

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Charlie singing from the heart

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AWARD-WINNING singer Charles Landsborough has been bringing joy to audiences for 30 years.

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His music covers a wide range of genres such as inspirational, country, ballad and anthem, capturing audiences of all ages and the esteem of his peers.

To date, Landsborough's songs have been covered by big names such as Daniel O'Donnell, Jack Jones, Pat Boone and Foster and Hamilton, to name just a few.

Although Landsborough knew that he wanted to write music from the age of 14, success took its time and it was 40 years later that he finally broke through in a big way. The former teacher suffered years of rejections before giving his music career a final push in 1995, a move that would have unexpected results.

Fed up with his lack of progress, Landsborough called an Irish television channel to find out if they would allow him to make a repeat appearance. His performance was a huge hit and the following week his single, What Colour Is The Wind, topped the Irish charts. From then on, Landsborough has hardly looked back, but his struggle to the top was not an easy one.

The youngest of 11 children, Landsborough grew up in Birkenhead and had a childhood that was both enchanting and tragic. His seafaring brothers would often bring home exotic gifts – including, on one memorable occasion, a monkey – and the house was full of love and laughter.

But the death of his mother when Landsborough was just 12 was a huge blow to the boy and he fell into petty crime, eventually serving two months in prison.

The shame of his conviction helped to turn his life around and after a few years doing manual jobs, a friend suggested that he should train to become a teacher. As a devoted Christian, Landsborough chose to study theology, but it soon became apparent that his heart lay with music and he swapped courses.

During his 14 years in the teaching profession, Landsborough did not give up his dream of becoming a musician and he continued to perform in clubs and pubs at night. His double life took its toll and he often had very late nights, followed by early mornings at school.

When his big break finally arrived,



Landsborough was sorry to leave the profession and retained a lot of sympathy for the pressure that teachers find themselves under today. But the big time was beckoning and following the success of his first song, Landsborough went on to have a career that must have seemed like a distant dream when he was a 14-year-old, picking out tunes on a guitar.

Over the last 15 years, Landsborough has performed all over the world and even graced

the stage at the legendary Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. Despite his massive success, Landsborough is a simple man who only has ambitions to write music and entertain his many fans around the globe. Landsborough is a natural performer who engages his audience wherever he appears.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50/£15.50. To book call the box office on 0844 8471776 or visit the website at www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



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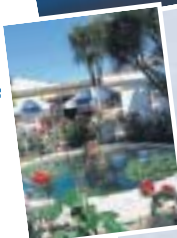
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CREATIVE SPACE

Saturday, March 27 to Thursday, September 30.
Wallett's Court Country House Hotel, St Margaret's-at-Cliffe.

ART produced on Kent's creative coast goes on display at a hotel near Dover this weekend.

Creative Space features works made by artists based in the coastal area, and visitors will be able to view pieces in a variety of different media, including visually-striking eternal exhibits and art installations throughout the hotel grounds.

Participating artists include David Finlay, Lucie Flynn, Martine Caddick, Mike Teddar, Damian Wurst, Liz Finlay, Mel Mishkin and Rory Martin.

Wallett's Court is hosting the exhibition in order to provide a showcase for local artists and to

promote the creative image of Kent's coastal area.

"St Margaret's has long attracted and fostered a strong creative flair among its residents and visitors," said Gavin Oakley of Wallett's Court.

"We are very excited to be involved in this project."

A special free preview will take place when visitors can meet the artists and take part in workshops, as part of the Kent Big Day Out.

The exhibition can be viewed from 9am to 9pm every day and admission is free.

To find out more, visit www.wallettscourt.com.



THE HOOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 27, Quarterhouse, Folkestone

DISCOVER the emerging talent of two great bands at the final event of The Hook music festival in Folkestone.

Headline act Gabby Young and Other Animals have performed all over the US and Europe, winning over critics with their fantastic musicianship and unforgettable vocals.

The seven-piece band features a double bass, mandolin, flute, drums, clarinet and trumpet, all combining to produce the sound that has earned them spots at Glastonbury and other festivals.

Also on the bill is Kent's Syd Arthur (pictured), an exciting four-piece that has been steadily

building its profile over the last few years.

The band has been featured on BBC Radio Kent and BBC 6 Music, as well as being selected as 'band of the day' in a national newspaper.

After years of gigging, they have been working on their debut album and Saturday's concert will be a chance for both old and new fans to experience this incredible band live.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets are £8. Ticket holders will be entered into a draw to win tickets for the Sellindge Music Festival. Call 01303 858500 or go to www.quarterhouse.co.uk.

JOHN HEGLEY

Saturday, March 27
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



TALES of small-town French life are told in inimitable style when John Hegley visits Kent.

The highly-acclaimed poet and singer returns with The Adventures of Monsieur Robinet, a collection of stories about a Gallic hero with a dog called Chirac. The Frenchman has some rather unusual habits and likes to bury his dog kennel, along with items of his own luggage, all of which will make fascinating listening when told in Hegley's much-loved manner.

There are also other new works to enjoy, such as tales about a parrot that does not talk. Find out how Hegley will instruct aliens on the subject of transport and see his uncanny animal impersonations, as performed with the aid of a handkerchief.

Described by critics as 'awesomely mundane', Hegley has an acute common touch and manages to capture the comedy in everyday life to hilarious effect. He has the ability to touch on surreal and bizarre subjects.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £15 or £13 for Encore! Gulbenkian members. Book online at www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01227 769075.



TO HAVE AND TO HONK

Sunday, March 28. Astor Community Theatre, Deal



THE course of true love could never run smooth in the company of the Honk Project.

In their new show, To Have and To Honk, the highly-acclaimed clowns are on their way to a wedding. But typically, the journey does not quite go to plan and the day descends into utter chaos in true Honk style.

Blending high comedy with musical exploits, the Honk Project will have audiences crying with laughter while marvelling at their fantastic tunes. Featuring 14 instruments, the show includes a delightful variety of musical styles from jazz and Dixieland to toe-tapping tunes.

To Have and To Honk is a family show that is suitable for audiences of all ages and will entertain everyone from the smallest member of the family to the grandparents.

The hour-long show is a brilliant fusion of live music and fantastic clowning, providing everyone with a honking good laugh.

The production visits Deal as part of Applause Rural Touring's spring season.

The performance starts at 2pm and tickets cost £8/£4. To book call 01304 381134 or 07802 702071 or email dealarts@talktalk.net.



MORGAN SZYMANSKI

Friday, March 26. Town Hall, Deal



GIFTED young guitarist Morgan Szymanski will perform in the second of the Deal Festival Chamber concerts.

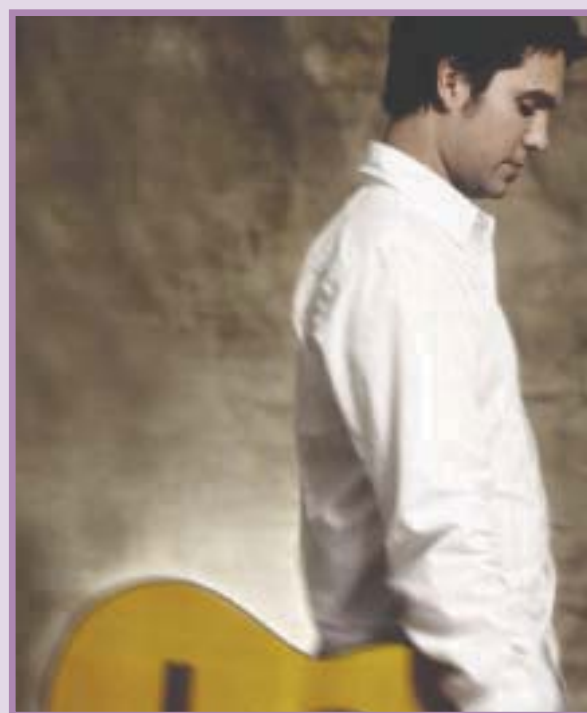
Kent music fans can look forward to yet another treat as the series of concerts continues. Szymanski was born in Mexico City in 1979 and began his musical studies at the age of just six, becoming the first guitarist to win a junior fellowship at the Royal College of Music in London.

Under the guidance of Carlos Bonell and Gary Ryan, he won all the guitar prizes as well as a scholarship to the Conservatorium van Amsterdam.

Tipped for great musical glory by critics, in the last year Szymanski has been named as 'one to watch' by Gramophone and BBC Music magazines. He also appeared on the cover of Classical Guitar Magazine and was a finalist in the 2008 Outstanding Young Artist Award.

For Friday's concert he will be performing works by Villa-Lobos, Lauro, Mangore, Piazzolla, Brouwer and Ballinatti, along with the Alex Roth Cat Dances.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 for one concert or £18 for two from The Sound House in Deal on 01304 381134.



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STEP UP TO THE OCHE WITH ME! Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

SOUND GOOD? Social lady, 29, likes walks, swimming, VGSOH, like to meet a man, 30-55 for lots of fun. Brighton. Box 463984

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HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

SHREK'S APPEAL! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more. Box 877957

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair, enjoys eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453033

GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

MAGIC IN MARGATE Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

FAMILY LIFE Fun to be with woman, 39, I love life, drinks in, walks, family life etc, looking for a similar man in the Canterbury area. Box 467392

CUTE AS CAN BE Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983

SHOW ME HEAVEN Black lady, 38yr old, enjoys swimming, films and bird watching. Fairly new to the area, WLTm a male for friendship and maybe romance. Box 441608

FAMILY ORIENTATED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5ft8, slim/medium build. I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034

FOR A RELATIONSHIP? Shy but confident-often-known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

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BE MY FRIEND AND PARTNER Hi there, I'm female, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long dark hair/green eyes, enjoys cinema, eating out etc and WLTm genuine, caring, loving male. Chatham. Box 466612

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5ft9, dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5ft9+. Box 461129

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, gosh, looking for a man with no issues and gosh who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204

ACTIVE TYPE Lively, energetic fun loving mum, 43, 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair, hazel eyes, WLTm honest, fun gent for lasting relationship. Box 451819

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc, looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 453048

SWEET AS HONEY Petite, slim, honey-blond lady, 5'4" age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing, looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465

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FIT THE BILL? Fit and healthy woman, average build. I'm 44, young looking and love animals. I would love to meet a sincere fella to spend time with. Maidstone. Box 466419

NEW TO THIS Attractive single mum of 2, 43yrs old, 5ft1, medium build, GSOH, likes cooking, spending time with family & animals, WLTm fun loving, kind, genuine man. Kent. Box 855142

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

POSSIBLE LTR African lady, full figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5ft5, attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoy jazz, travel, theatre, WLTm decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

COME ON OVER Fun-loving girl, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Rainham. Box 854480

NOTHING VENTURED... Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466286

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, worldly man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444368

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTm male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585

ETERNALLY YOURS Easygoing woman, likes most things in life; country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5ft2, medium build, WLTm genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635

NORMAL GAL Female, 48, divorced and happy, 5ft7, looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 49 and over 30 a must. Maidstone. Box 866380

A REAL DIAMOND African lady, 47, honest, loving and caring, enjoy most things in life, looking for a male, 50+, for a LTR. Canterbury. Box 460999

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460686

DREAM LOVER Petite blonde, 49, 49, loving, caring, enjoy music, walking, theatre dining in/out, looking for friendship and more with a genuine, caring and honest man. Rochester. Box 854822

BY MY SIDE Curvy woman, 49, 5ft10, enjoys being by the sea, music, walks, meals out, cinema, cross-words, and reading. Seeking kind, caring man in the Maidstone area. Box 466608

ARE YOU LOVING AND CARING? Young 48 year old, loving caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089

FAMILY LIFE Warm hearted lady, 51, look younger! I'm 5ft8, slim build, with blonde hair, divorced (grown up children), WLTm nice man, 40's/50's in the Aylesford area. Box 461834

HERE AND NOW Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

GETTING TO KNOW YOU Slim blonde, 51, 5ft3, very caring, active, loves DIY and gardening, with a man with similar interests to get to know better. Sheerness. Box 467112

JUST IMAGINE Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

CARING & PROFESSIONAL Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 471100

LOVELY BUBBLY Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gosh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

MEANT TO BE? Very honest, reliable and trustworthy person, 52, 5ft7, blonde with blue eyes, loves cinema, meals out and nights out, seeking sociable male with same interests. Ashford. Box 466150

IT COULD BE US Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft3, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. Kent. Box 464601

A HIGHER LOVE Looking for that special person. I'm a genuine lady, 54 but don't feel it! I'd like to meet someone to love and care for. Canterbury. Box 857551

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL... Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 863410

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MEN seeking women

SNOG, MARRY OR AVOID? Kent guy, 30, enjoy sport, painting, music, looking for a female, similar age possibly older, for friendship and romance. Ashford. Box 851895

FOR LOVE Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder likes going/feeling out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752

WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET Single dad, 34, 5ft7, brown hair/dark eyes. Hoping to meet a nice woman. I'm laid back and wear my heart on my sleeve. Chatham. Box 464419

FULL OF LIFE Ashford man, 35, I'm single, no ties, and looking for a similar woman. I'm 6ft6, with blue eyes/brown hair and enjoy pub/clubs; eating out etc. Box 467416

BOTTLE OF WINE Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft8, medium build, brown hair. I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN Seeking genuine lady. I'm a 38yr old male, 5ft9, dark hair/blue eyes. I work hard and play hard, would like to enjoy spare time with partner. Box 449649

THE GOOD LIFE Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR, want to relax and enjoy life together, with the right woman. Box 858113

SPONTANEITY Young 39yr old male, good looking, 5ft9, medium build, dark hair/blue eyes, enjoys boating, country pubs, walks etc, WLTm like minded lady. Sittingbourne area. Box 467062

NEW IN TOWN Good-looking male, 39, fair hair, blue eyes, nice build and height, social, likes holidays, dining out, fit, seeking a woman to go out with. Rochester. Box 460825

LOVE TO LAUGH Looking for a love to earth green eyed lady. Must have a sense of humour and laugh at life's little surprises! I'm 39 with GSOH...Hastings. Box 862208

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Margate. Box 443750

FUN & OUTGOING? Young at heart 44yr old male, stocky build, 5ft10, Kent based, father, honest and down-to-earth, likes music, nights in, walking the dog, seeks genuine lady. Box 851804

GOOD LOOKING BLOKE Tall man medium build, 44, 5ft9, brown hair/eyes, with an outgoing nature, looking for a female similar to myself with long hair. Box 871274

WALK THE BEACH Easygoing loving male, 45, dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft6, slim-medium build, seeks honest and considerate male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Margate. Box 460082

QUALITY TIME Widow, early 60's, likes dancing, drinks, gardening, socialising, and walks works, seeking a good gent. Ramsgate. Box 460672

LIFE IS GOOD! Slim, attractive lady, 65, enjoy outdoors pursuits, dog walking, socialising and music, lots of time and tie to give to the right person. Maidstone. Box 466536

SHARE FRIENDSHIP Lady of 67 year of age, tall, dark hair, non-smoker, likes a bit of gardening, fishing, the seaside, going out, reading, cross-words. Margate. Box 467419

Women seeking women

MY HEART TO YOU 37 year old gay female from Kent, dark brown eyes, dark hair, loves the outdoors and fresh air, gardening, DIY, seeks feminine lady for love. Box 467298

TAKE A CHANCE Honest female, 43, 5ft2, medium build, fun-loving, likes clubs, pubs, eating out, nights in, looking for a female for friendship to settle, hopefully a LTR. Rochester. Box 466078

HONEST AND SINCERE Woman seeking woman. I'm 63, fit/healthy, a veggie, have grown up kids and enjoy the sea, photography, the arts, red wine and laughter. Whitstable. Box 466597

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FOR FUN & ROMANCE Canterbury male, 48, white, 6ft3, medium-large build, likes cycling and walking to keep fit, and boats! WLTm slim black lady for possible LTR. Box 465219

GET BACK TO ME Good looking divorced man, 48, 6ft, likes keeping in shape, loves music and gigs; seeking slim lady, 30-40, relaxed, laid-back, for hopeful good relationship. Hythe. Box 460338

LOVE AND TRUST Honest, caring, single man, 50, 5'11", likes cinema, country-side, beach walks, meals out/in, restaurants, looking for honest, caring, lady 45-55, Medway area. Box 852889

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR! Youthful dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTm female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook. Box 737529

MOVING ON... Young 52, I'm a caring male with a GSOH, enjoys sport, music and eating out, and I would like to meet a similar lady. Rochester. Box 467388

AROUND AND AROUND Active male, 5'9", dark hair, 57, keeps fit, cycles, seeking a cuddly, curly, mature lady for friendship. Canterbury. Box 467423

SAIL AWAY Younging male, 58, slim, fair hair, hard working, boat owner, likes cinema and dining out, seeks slim laidback non-smoker. Rochester. Box 467342

A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS TOGETHER? Adventurous male, 57, 5ft7, likes walks, animals, eating in and out, camping and holidays, WLTm likewise lady with similar interests. Box 449963

IT'S A SHORE THING Genuine male, 58, 5'10", GSOH, slim/medium build, like animals, cooking, beach/country walks, driving, WLTm loving, caring woman to share good times together. Seaford. Box 459280

A NORMAL GOOD GUY 62 year old very youthful guy, 5ft9, slim, athletic, smart, hard working, intelligent, seeks similar broad-minded lady for potential companionship. Hythe. Box 467327

RELIGHT MY FIRE! Hi I'm male, 62, an ex-fireman, 5'10", South East Kent, 6ft2, stocky build, retired, I like walks, pets, cooking, cinema, meals in and out. Box 455977

Men seeking men

TALL ORDER 40yr old chap, 5ft8, dark, slim/muscular build, good looking, looking for a tall guy for fun. Box 439132

FANCY A DVD? Caring gentle guy, 45, slim, 5ft9, short hair, looking for guys in the Medway area for fun foremost and then whatever else follows. Rochester. Box 459815

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Carrey excels in true story of a gay conman trying to go straight

■ BY DAMON SMITH

RUBBER-face funnyman Jim Carrey delivers his best dramatic performance since *Eternal Sunshine Of The Spotless Mind* in this improbable and utterly incredible true story.

Based on a novel by investigative reporter Steve McVicker, *I Love You Phillip Morris* charts the romance of two prison inmates and their subsequent journey of self-discovery on both sides of the bars.

Writer-directors Glenn Ficarra and John Requa (*Bad Santa*) strike a pleasing balance between laughter and soul-searching in this oddball comedy.

Smouldering

Crucially, Carrey generates smouldering screen chemistry as Stephen Russell with co-star Ewan McGregor, convincing us that undying love and a daredevil spirit can overcome anything.

Truth is far, far stranger than Ficarra and Requa's entertaining fiction, which takes dramatic licence with dialogue and abbreviates the exploits of their white-collar crime during the 1980s and 1990s.

They escaped incarceration four times and paid a terrible price for humiliating the US prison service.

The real Russell was handed a 144-year sentence and must spend 23 hours every day confined to his cell without visitors. That's no laughing matter.

When we first meet Stephen, he is a happily married police officer with a beautiful wife, Debbie, and a young daughter.

However, the family man has a secret: he is gay.

When he can no longer keep the secret, Stephen comes out to his wife and moves to Florida with boyfriend Jimmy.



INSTANT ATTRACTION: Ewan McGregor and Jim Carrey as Phillip Morris and conman Stephen Russell

The cost of living fabulously is perilously high, and Stephen breaks the law to finance his lavish tastes.

The authorities eventually catch up with the swindler and sentence him to time in prison, where he meets softly spoken Phillip Morris (Ewan McGregor).

Struggles

The attraction is instant, and Stephen schemes to become his lover's cellmate.

When he finally gains parole, Stephen poses as a lawyer to get Phillip out of prison early, but once they are united on the outside, the

former con man struggles to mend his ways.

Phillip lands a high-profile position as chief financial officer at a large corporation, where the temptation to embezzle is irresistible.

When the police invariably come knocking for their man, Phillip is distraught: "I don't care about the money," he pleads.

"All I want is you. I just want us to be together."

I Love You Phillip Morris is sweet, sexy and at times hilarious, posing the obvious dilemma: can a gay con man go straight?

Carrey keeps his usual nervous tics and funny voices in check and the rapport with

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McGregor, sporting a Southern accent and cropped blond hair, anchors the picture.

Ficarra and Requa treat characters with affection and don't shy away from the physicality of Stephen and Phillip's relationship, creating a wonderfully odd couple.

We believe in the characters and root for them, even though we know that everything Phillip says and does is for his own financial and emotional gain.

I LOVE YOU PHILLIP MORRIS 
Certificate 15



FORGETTABLE: Pete Waterman and Graham Norton preside over the debacle



YOUR TV REVIEW YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU: BBC 1 Friday

■ BY THOMAS BETTS

NOT even Eurovision is safe from phone vote, talent show hell these days.

The annual contest is held in late May, but we have already had to endure the usual BBC nonsense that goes with picking the entry.

How we select our annual anthem seems to change a bit each year, but the process is slowly but surely morphing into yet another X Factor clone.

Last year Andrew Lloyd Webber used the exercise for self promotion purposes, but this time around it is Pete Waterman who has hijacked the event.

Armed with a song so bad that it wouldn't have got within a country mile of being a Steps B side, he lorded it up over the contestants who talked emotionally about how it was their "dream to represent Britain".

I suspect their dream is actually to be on the telly, and get a little face time in the media, but maybe I'm just a cynic.

The Waterman-penned track 'That Sounds Good to Me' is the song destined to fill a million bargain bins.

Quite a title, as it doesn't sound good to anyone, and even he knows it.

The only thing more forgettable than the song itself were the contestants, none of whose names I can remember.

There was some guy with an OK voice, some girl who forgot the words, and another guy who looked like he had escaped from being a redcoat at Butlins... and they were the finalists! In the half-hour leading up to the

final three performances, voters chose which of the acts to hear sing the official song live, consigning the rest to absolute heartbreak.

It was a bit like deciding which village idiot to bludgeon to death first, although the audience seemed to be enjoying it all.

Big Pete himself seemed rather unimpressed by the charisma-free numpties, while co-writer Mick Stock looked like he was looking for the fire escape for the duration of the whole sorry affair.

Eurovision is, quite rightly, a bit of a joke to us Brits, but wouldn't it be nice to actually do well for once?

For a country that is supposed to lead the world in pop music, we seem to be pretty dismal at all this.

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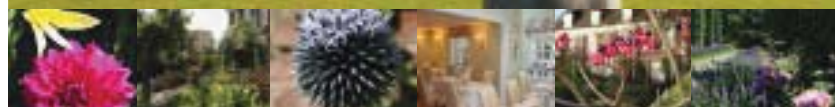
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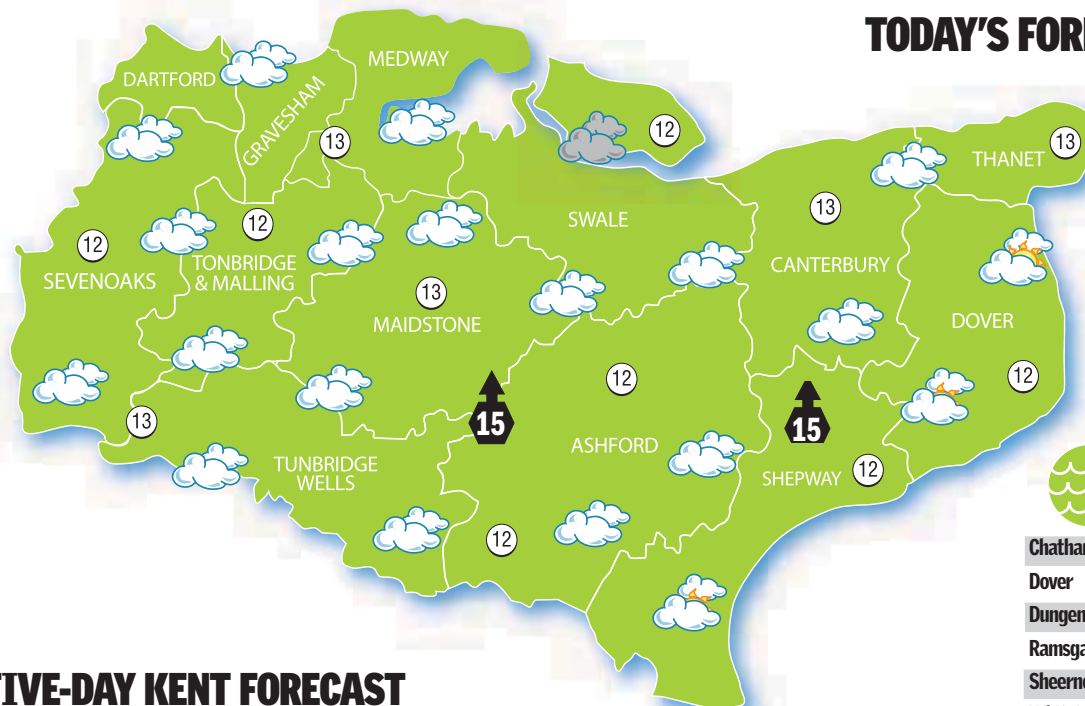
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Dungeness	Saturday	8:35am 6.7m	Sunday	10:33am 7.2m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:16am 4.6m	Sunday	11:06am 4.9m
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Festival comes with a warning



HEADLINERS: Brazilian metallers Sepultura are coming to Hevy at Port Lympne

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

POP-loving teenie-boppers, run for the hills – the Hevy festival is coming.

The appropriately-named three-day event will see some of the world's loudest, angriest and darkest bands converge on Port Lympne Wild Animal Park in August.

So if you're more into Shakira than Slipknot, avoid the Hythe zoo at all costs.

But if you are partial to the occasional hardcore mosh pit or prolonged period of head-banging then the Hevy weekend is right up your street.

Headliners include legendary Brazilian metallers Sepultura and Birmingham's hardest rockers Napalm Death.

Support comes from the likes of Gallows, Rolo Tomassi, Polar Bear Club, Dead Swans, Lower Than Atlantis and Kent's own Feed The Rhino.

Hevy bosses have also laid on non-music related entertainment for their paying punters, with a series of Gladiators-inspired fun fair rides.

Look out for Chaos, Superstar and Storm.

Hevy co-founders James Dutton and Claire Baker said the festival will be one to remember.

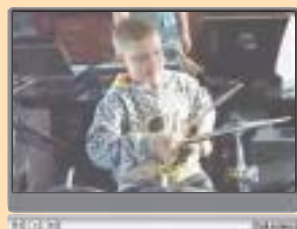
In a joint statement they said: "With a brand new venue and some awesome plans, this year's festival is what we've always wanted to bring to Kent – it's going to be huge!"

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ASTONISHING BEAUTY: The setting sun and the red dust of the Mara is the perfect setting for this stunning shot of a pair of leopards

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Mara is perfect place to get great shot at some wildlife

■ BY KELLY MACNAMARA

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After barely half an hour in Paul's company, it was already abundantly clear he takes no prisoners.

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My brand new digital SLR body was eventually attached to a lens the size of a rocket launcher, borrowed from a fellow traveller who hired something even more substantial for this expedition.

We found the cheetahs bathed in honeyed afternoon light, with the mother looking wistfully into the distance. The scene was beautiful, but my companions had other ideas. In the distance, a juicy-looking

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Thomson's gazelle grazed near a thicket, small and spry – an ideal feast for a peckish big cat.

It was over in a second, the predator so close there was barely a chase. However, for a novice wildlife photographer, the thrill was intense.

Only afterwards did I realise I had caught the action on camera: The cheetah lunging from a swirl of dust, front paws stretched out to whip the gazelle's back legs from under it.

Huge crowds of wildebeest gathered for annual crossings of the Mara heading for the Serengeti and Tanzania, and we watched in wonder as animals fought to cross the river, unperturbed as crocodiles picked off the occasional snack. Often we were still out at sunset,

chasing the dying light for a spot to take in the great billowing clouds as they bruised against a hot red sky. At these times, photographs came second to soaking up the astonishing beauty of the dying Mara day with a cold beer.

Much is made of the idea that we have progressed from shooting wild creatures with guns to using camera lenses. While there are similarities – you must learn an animal's habits to predict its movements – hunters aimed to stop the wildlife in its tracks, but we wanted the right light, and of course action.

Thanks to the eagle eyes of our guides, and Paul's knowledge and enthusiasm, we had all in abundance.

MOTORS NEWS



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It returns to the Kent County Showground at Detling, near Maidstone, this Easter (April 4-5) to exhibit exotic yet affordable creations like the Quantum Xtreme (pictured) and Kent-based makers such as Blaze Motorsport Ltd and GKD Sportscars. Parking is free and the show will feature some 35 manufacturers, 50 trade stands and 30 kit car clubs.



BOXING CLEVER?: Limited supplies of Nissan's Cube is driving sales of what could be called a 'Marmite motor' – drivers will either love it or hate it but it's fast becoming a cult car

Nissan produces cult car for the fans of Cubist art

NISSAN'S eye-catching Cube is a 'Marmite motor' – you either love it or hate it.

But the pro-Cubists are passionate and that is driving sales of the rather limited supplies that Nissan expects to bring into the UK for the time being.

Not surprisingly, valuation guides predict robust secondhand prices – CAP reckons the car will be worth 45 per cent of its value after three years/30,000 miles.

The BMW Mini and Fiat 500 cult cars have shown that even the hard-nosed used buyer is prepared to pay more for style and image and the Cube seems set to underline that.

At first glance, it looks like the styling is a long way from some swish design studio or even the hand of a grown-up – it has the wax crayon signature of a five-year-old writ large upon its boxy flanks.

On closer inspection though there is some lovely detail; I particularly like the asymmetric Smeg refrigerator-style rear door, which accentuates curves cleverly worked into the boxy overall design.

The curvy theme contrast is even more obvi-

ROAD TEST NISSAN CUBE

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

ous inside and helps fend off Postman Pat jibes that bedevil van-based MPVs like the terminally ugly Fiat Doblo – it has indeed just been replaced by a more shapely new model – and Peugeot Bipper Tepee.

Interior style – highlighted by a rice-paper style blind for the huge sunroof – is allied with practicality though to make the Cube as much viable MPV as style statement.

It should well and truly end those 'boring Nissan' cracks of the past, however unfair, reminding us instead that the brand used its truly ordinary 1980s Micra K10 supermini to create a family of retro limited edition spin-offs for the Japanese market.

Two of these – the Figaro coupé and S-Cargo van – went on to become much sought grey imports to the UK.

So the Cube upholds a bit of quirky tradition as well as being a thoroughly practical car.

It will never – and was never intended to – set the driver's heart racing, but it would take a long time to become bored with it.

Prices start at £14,000 for the 108bhp 1.6-litre petrol manual model, capable of averaging more than 42.8mpg.

A 1.5-litre diesel joins the range in May.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

DISTINCTIVE MIDI-MPVs

RENAULT tried a bit of lateral thinking with the 'people carrier' concept it pioneered with the Espace and came up with the 'midi' or 'compact' MPV (multi-purpose vehicle). The result was the original five-seat Scenic of 1997, the blueprint for even more vehicles than the original Espace inspired, and the impetus for waves of tall, space efficient 'MPV styling' across the whole car market. As one of the new car market's boom sectors over the past few years, it means there is also plenty of choice for user car buyers.

CITROEN XSARA PICASSO



NO apologies for including the Picasso – it quickly trumped Renault's pioneering Scenic to become the best-seller in the new sector. It's only a five-seater, but the 'jelly mould design' smoothes the edges and corners of a commodious and flexibly equipped box. It rides well when heavily laden, but tends to heel a little on corners. The range features excellent turbodiesels from the Peugeot-Citroën stable and has a good reliability record. Plenty of affordable choice on the used market too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

FIAT MULTIPLA



EARNING top marks with the motoring press for originality and impact when it arrived in 2000, the original Multipla looked simply too wacky to generate the sales it deserved. A facelift made it more visually acceptable and its practical qualities began to shine. Relatively compact though wide, it allows six to be seated comfortably in two rows and there is plenty of stowage space. It also drives well and the first choice 110bhp JTD turbodiesel is a lively powertrain.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HONDA FR-V



THOUGH late into this sector, Honda had more time to review the market and decided that Fiat got it right with the Multipla. So the FR-V is another short, wide six-seater with two rows of seats, but not as roomy as the Fiat. Buyers like the reliable Honda engineering and how the dashboard gearshift makes more room in front. The middle front seat can also be staggered backwards to allow a child to be carried closer to mum and dad.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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147, T SPARK LUSO, 2005, abs brakes alloy wheels climate control cruise control electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player trip computer remote central locking rear seat entertainment, silver, 33578 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRERA, JTD (210), 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering, red, 21363 miles, £16000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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A2, TDI SE, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black metallic, 78507 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A5, TDI (190bhp) Sport Multitronic, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, grey metallic, 6894 miles, £27500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A5, COUPE SPORT, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission bluetooth car kit cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history heated seats immobiliser mp3 player power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation single cd player sports seats tinted glass traction control twin airbags xenon headlights curtain airbags front parking sensors remote central locking auto headlights and wipers, white, 25000 miles, £27000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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CR-V, 2.0es, 2000, 4x4 abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint, forest green, 71000 miles, £3995, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4 Sport, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control electric windows front fog lights full service history metallic paint multiple airbags power steering, silver, 12000 miles, £8495, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

JAZZ, S 1.3, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows metallic paint power steering reverse parking aid, jaguar racing green, 32000 miles, £6780, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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S-TYPE, V6 SE Auto, 7396079, air con, climate control, full leather, power steering, parking sensor, traction control, trip computer, cruise control, electric windows, electric mirrors, auto-dip rearview, remote central locking, remote alarm, centre armrest, electric seats, heated seats, height adjustable seat, rear headrests, front fog lamps, rain-sensing wipers, auto lighting, twin air bags, curtain airbags, abs, cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, black, 51350 miles, £8990, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

S-TYPE, SE AUTO, 2004, abs brakes air con alloy wheels auto transmission drivers airbag electric windows full service history metallic paint leather interior power steering, black, 51350 miles, £8990, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

S-TYPE, V6 Sport, 2003, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloy wheels auto transmission of player electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver metallic, 56371 miles, £7500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

XJ, V8 SE Auto, 2004, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys auto transmission central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid, jaguar racing green, 32000 miles, £13000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

XJ, V8 SE Auto, 2004, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloy wheels auto transmission central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immob leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid, jaguar racing green, 32000 miles, £13000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

XJR, 4.2, 2008, silver, 50 miles, £50300, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

XX, Supercharged, 2008, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys auto transmission bluetooth car kit cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation tinted glass traction control trip computer xenon headlights front parking sensors remote central locking auto headlights and wipers, botanical green, 31000 miles, £40000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

XX, XK8 CONVERTIBLE, 2004, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloy wheels auto transmission cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering, midnight black, 30000 miles, £21900, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

LAMBORGHINI

DIABLO, 1998, purple metallic with cream leather, 57000 miles, £59950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 90 TD5 Pick Up, dx540ub, power steering, tow pack, 4x4 fitted with for williams canopy. price is +vat. road tax (lvg) is £185 per year. tonga green metallic, 49000 miles, £10995, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

DEFENDER, 90 SV TDi Soft Top, i61cjt, power steering, tow pack, side steps, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, 4x4, rare genuine 90 sv special edition. recent new hood, road tax (lvg) is £190 per year. metallic blue, 129000 miles, £9995, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

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FREELANDER, 2003, metallic white gold, 67788 miles, £3999, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

RANGE ROVER, 2007, 4x4 abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player climate control cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation sports seats traction control trip computer front parking sensors remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, 51000 miles, £29000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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MAZDA

2, TS, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted cd player central locking electric windows full service history metallic paint multiple airbags curtain airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, silver, 9500 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

2, SPORT, 2009, abs brakes alloy wheels climate control diesel electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering single cd player traction control trip computer curtain airbags remote central locking auto headlights and wipers multi functional tuneport (i-pod and mp3 connection) remote audio controls, ice blue, 3003 miles, £11000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

3, 1.6 SPORT NAV, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint mp3 player multi cd player power fold mirrors multiple airbags power remote central locking navigation split folding rear seats sports seats tinted glass trip computer twin airbags isofix child seat points remote audio controls, aluminium, 4200 miles, £15000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

3, 1.6, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser, black, 55 miles, £21000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

3, 1.6, 2008, black, 55 miles, £21100, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

5, 2.0 D T2S, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering roof rack sliding rear seats split folding rear seats trip computer twin airbags side load door remote central locking isofix child seat points, black, 3750 miles, £13800, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

5, TS2, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player sliding rear seats tinted glass tonneau cover curtain airbags remote central locking twin sliding doors roof bars, grey, 3000 miles, £13900, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MX-5, 1.8i, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering sports seats trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, red, 17373 miles, £11000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MX-5, SPORT, 2002, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows front fog lights full service history metallic paint leather interior power steering sports seats twin airbags remote central locking, blue, 30000 miles, £5900, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

RX-8, 192 LEATHER, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows full service history heated seats metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering sports seats tinted glass traction control twin airbags curtain airbags remote central locking remote audio controls, green, 59000 miles, £6500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MERCEDES-BENZ

A CLASS, A150 Avantgarde SE, Ir56nve, remote central locking, power steering, electric windows, air conditioning, air bag, cloth upholstery, head restraints, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, cd player, rear wash/wipe, radio, electric mirrors, black, 38000 miles, £7999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

A-CLASS, Classic SE, 2008, black, 55 miles, £27800, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A-CLASS, A180 CDI Classic SE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering, mistral, 13410 miles, £10650, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A170, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2007, horizon blue metallic, 13203 miles, £9730, Maidstone, 0844 558 7050 (TRADE)

A170, Avantgarde SE, 2006, polar silver, 14004 miles, £10497, Canterbury, 0844 558 7049 (TRADE)

A180, 5 DOOR Avantgarde SE, 2009, cosmos black metallic, 3000 miles, £18998, Ashford, 0844 558 7048 (TRADE)

A180, 5 Door Avantgarde SE, 2009, lotus blue metallic, 3000 miles, £19890, Maidstone, 0844 558 7050 (TRADE)

B CLASS, B200 CDI Diesel SE auto, gi551zv, alarm, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, folding rear seats, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, isofix, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, steering wheel audio controls, 16" alloys, rear child booster seats, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock we will not be beaten on price! fully fa regulated, aluminium silver, 60000 miles, £10995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

CLK200 COMPRESSOR, 2007, idrium silver metallic, 33800 miles, £20997, Ashford, 0844 558 7048 (TRADE)

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COOPER, 1.6, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player trip computer remote central locking, silver, 25000 miles, £9000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

COOPER, 1.6, 2004, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player tonneau cover remote central locking, black, 45412 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

COOPER, Cooper S, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights half leather trim immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats sports seats traction control trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, grey, 80000 miles, £6500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

ONE, 1.6 3dr auto with pepper pack, en05kvh, remote alarm, remote central locking, power steering, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, alloy wheels, pepper pack, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock we will not be beaten on price! fully fa regulated, metallic black, 40000 miles, £7995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

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206, 3, w889ukj, insurance group 4 air on alarm audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electrodior mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser power steering radio/cassette radio/cd multichanger remote central locking service indicator steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer 3 owners, boston green, 60000 miles, £2000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

206, 1, 4ZEST, 2005, alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag wd electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player twin airbags remote central locking, aluminium over 4000 cars in group stock, 17000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

206, SE, 2007, abs brakes air on alloys central locking multiple airbags single cd player trip computer curtain airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, blue, 15037 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

207, 1.6 16V Sport, 2008, abs brakes air on alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player drivers airbag electric windows full service history immob metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 15008 miles, £10000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

306, Meridian, 2001, abs brakes air on alloys cd player central locking electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player sports split folding rear seats remote central locking, blue, 62000 miles, £2500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

307, S SEMI AUTO, 2007, abs brakes air on alloys electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player trip computer curtain airbags remote central locking, blue, 12199 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

407, Executive, 2006, silver, 29842 miles, £7600, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

407, SE, 2007, abs brakes air on alloys cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows immob metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, metallic blue, 87000 miles, £6800, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

807, 2.0 SE, 2007, abs brakes air on alloys cd player cruise control electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking remote audio controls, blue, 15236 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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911, CARRERA, 2009, abs brakes air on alarm fitted alloys bluetooth car kit cd player climate control electric windows front fog lights full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior power steering satellite navigation sports seats trip computer, white, 9000 miles, £69900, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

911 TURBO, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted alloys cd player central locking climate control electric windows heated seats immob leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation sunroof, silver, 13540 miles, £72990, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BOXSTER, 2.5 ROADSTER, 1998, abs brakes alloys cd player central locking electric windows immob metallic paint power steering single cd player twin airbags remote central locking, aluminium over 4000 cars in group stock, 17000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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ESPACE, Expression, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver metallic, 61000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, 2006, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, blue, 23884 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MASTER, LH35 DCI 100 LWB, 2008, white over 4000 cars in group stock, 25000 miles, £9500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MEGANE, 1.6 VVT DYNAMIQUE, 2005, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, grey over 4000 cars in group stock, £7725 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MEGANE, 16V Extreme, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, grey, 4000 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MODUS, Dynamique, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player sliding rear seats split folding rear seats trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points, silver, 13000 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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Keep on top of your mortgage for right deal

MANY homeowners are not aware of their mortgage rate, with the recently-quoted figure of 28 per cent of people branded "a gross underestimate".

More than half do not know their interest rate, according to Ray Boulger, senior technical manager at mortgage advice firm John Charcol.

"In general I would say that there is a considerable lack of knowledge about people's specific mortgage products," he said.

Mr Boulger urged homeowners to be aware of the interest rate they are paying, as well as when their current deal comes to an end, to ensure they have the best loan to suit their needs.

"The more notice people take of their various financial products, the more likely it is they are going to know when they have got a good deal and when they should be thinking of switching," he continued.

Figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders have revealed that gross mortgage-lending declined to about £9.1 billion in January – a fall of almost a third on December.

Just turn the key and move right in

AN INCREASINGLY popular move in the property market is for buyers to look for an apartment that is fully furnished.

A property that has just come on to the market place in West Malling includes everything from an ironing board and iron to a toaster.

It is called a turnkey-ready property and experts say such a home is perfect for those looking to buy as a rental investment or those seeking to move straight in and not have the hassle of carpet and curtain buying and fixing – it is like moving into a show home.

Developer Hillreed Homes is also offering an option to take up the equity scheme operating on this apartment.

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The property is being marketed at £194,950.



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Prices hit by weather and stamp duty rise

■ BY NICK AMES

HOUSE prices saw a 1.5 per cent fall last month – the first decline since June 2009, according to the most recent figures available from the Halifax House Price Index.

And in the first three weeks of March the trend has continued.

But the previous seven consecutive months of increases mean that the average price remains 8 per cent above the lowest level reached in April 2009.

This equates to an increase of £12,367, taking the average house price to £166,857.

Halifax has suggested that a low supply of properties has been a key factor in pushing up prices, with improvements in the market only recently encouraging sellers to enter the market, even if mortgage finance has remained difficult to secure.

Lenders have attributed the fall to the wintry weather and the end of a temporary stamp-duty holiday on homes changing hands between £125,000 and £175,000.

According to Halifax's index, prices are still well below the level they reached in the summer of 2007.

Its figures show that from August 2007 to last April, prices dived by 23 per cent, wiping more than £45,000 off the average price of a property, from under £200,000 to £154,490.

The figures show that since then, prices have risen by 8 per cent (£12,500), which commentators have attributed to low interest rates, improved affordability and a shortage of homes for sale.

But since the start of the year there has been a change in the supply-and-demand balance.

Figures from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors suggest the recent improvement in market conditions has



encouraged more homeowners to attempt to sell their property. As a result, the stock of properties available for sale increased for the second successive month in January.

Halifax housing economist Martin Ellis said this was likely to have been a factor in February's price falls: "An increase in the number of properties available for sale has helped to reduce slightly the imbalance between supply and demand."

"At the same time, the bad weather in the first two months of 2010, together with the return of the lowest stamp-duty threshold to £125,000, are likely to have had an adverse impact on housing demand."

"The combination of these factors appears to have helped to curb the upward pressure."

Howard Archer, chief UK economist at IHS Global Insight, said other factors also suggested further price falls were on the cards.

"Although the Bank of England may well hold off from raising interest rates until 2011, the overall economic environment – notably high unemployment likely to rise further, and low earnings growth – is still far from supportive for house prices, while credit conditions remain pretty tight and the stamp duty threshold has fallen."

"In addition, house price/earnings ratios have moved back up."

Landlords' forum leading the way

LAST week's Swale Landlords Forum was such a success that local authorities across Kent might wish to follow its lead.

The event was held to strengthen Swale council's rapport with local landlords and featured talks from the Electrical Safety Council and the Porchlight homeless charity.

There was also a question-and-answer session on housing and housing benefits.

The council has launched many initiatives with landlords and tenants in Swale.

The Kent accreditation course held in Sittingbourne offered both new and experienced landlords the opportunity to learn about

how to operate a successful business and how to provide tenants with safe and high-quality accommodation.

Those who joined the scheme and who have continued to abide by the standards set are 'accredited' and recognised across Kent as good landlords.

David Simmons, of Swale council, said "The Swale Landlords Forum is a great idea."

"The council wants to work as closely as possible with landlords and tenants and reinforce its support of the Kent Landlords' Accreditation Scheme to make sure that we do everything that we can to help everyone."



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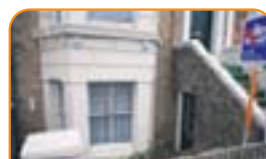
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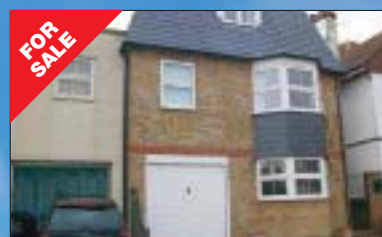
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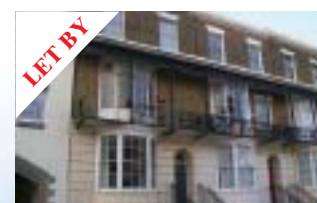
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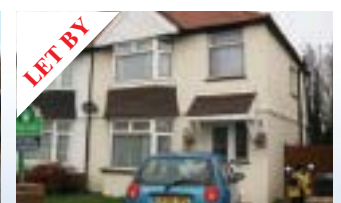
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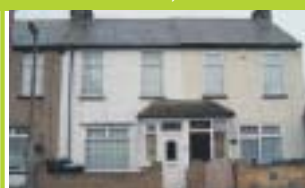
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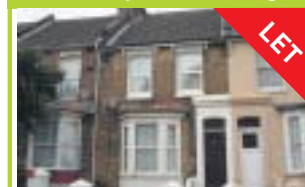
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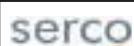
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Medal haul sees swimmers retain status among county's elite



RUNNERS-UP: Thanet Swimming Club finished second overall

THANET Swimming Club sent records tumbling at the Kent County ASA Swimming Championships as they cemented their status as one of the county's top-three clubs.

The club's girls and boys finished second and third respectively at the competition, which was attended by 32 clubs, with Thanet's total score of 1,054 points enough for second place overall.

Thanet's team of 32 brought home an extraordinary haul of 74 gold medals, 44 silver and 35 bronze and six of their swimmers – Kelly Henson, Charlotte Davies, Louise

SWIMMING

Gates, Tom Rust, Jordan Brett and Alexander Wilmhurst – are now headed for the national championships.

Henson set a Kent record for the 1500-metre freestyle with a time of 17:11.08 and then went one better in the 800-metre freestyle, finishing in 9:01.51 to set a new south-east region record.

Brett secured ten top-three placings and Davies went home with an incredible 17 golds. On her county debut, nine-year-old

Elloise Clements picked up two golds and a silver on her way to setting five club records and Jamie O'Connor, ten, scooped nine golds.

Thanet head coach David Whorlow said: "To finish in the top-three is a great achievement for the club. Due to our more remote location, we have fewer swimmers than some of the other top clubs based near London.

"As points are awarded for each swimmer, we have obtained our position in the table by some exceptional swims, backed up by consistent performance throughout the entire squad."

FOOTBALL



AMBITION: Iain O'Connell is targeting 50 points

Gate boss eyes 50 points in safety bid

MARGATE may need to break the 50-point barrier to survive in the Ryman Premier Division, according to manager Iain O'Connell.

The Blues boss watched his side turn in an under-par display against Carshalton Athletic at Hartsdown Park on Saturday, where Sam Jones' wonderstrike was a rare moment of quality in an otherwise disjointed relegation scrap.

Having lost his first two games as manager, O'Connell has steadied the Margate ship, but draws are no good to the Blues at this stage of the season, with only eight games left.

Speaking before last night's game at Dartford, he said: "There are still 27 points to play for so I'm not reading too much into the table. I think we have to win six of our last nine games but it will be tough.

"We both needed the win [on Saturday] but we just didn't create enough. We've come from behind to get a point, so I suppose that's a positive. The lads gave 100 per cent, I can't moan at them and Sam Jones scored a great goal – up there with the best this season."

Ty Benjamin became the latest debutant for the Blues on Saturday and O'Connell praised the efforts of the players he has brought to the club since arriving from Great Wakering Rovers.

He said: "The lads who've come in have all been excellent – every signing has done really well. We were a bit unlucky on Saturday because our forwards both had a virus and Jay Saunders was injured – he'd probably been man of the match for the previous three games. Ty is a hard lad, he's got a good work-rate, he's a good tackler and he's very enthusiastic."

Midfielder Nick Barnes is rated only 50-50 for the trip to Boreham Wood on Saturday, but Curtis Robinson should return, having completed his three-game suspension.

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EQUALISER: From left, Sam Jones's strike pulled Margate back into the game and debutant Ty Benjamin looked lively, but a draw saw Gate slip back to the bottom of the table



Pictures DAVID STEWART

Back to the basement as Gate struggle to a draw

FOOTBALL

■ BY YOURTHANET REPORTER

Margate 1

Jones 72

Carshalton Athletic 1

Harrison 24



Margate starting XI



Sub used: Groombridge (Barnes 90)

MARGATE returned to the foot of the Ryman Premier table on Saturday following a draw against fellow strugglers Carshalton Athletic at Hartsdown Park.

Sam Jones conjured up a wonderful equaliser 18 minutes from time after the Blues had gone behind midway through the first-half, but the home side were unable to claim the win which would have lifted them to 20th.

Gate boss Iain O'Connell handed a debut to Ty Benjamin, having signed the midfielder from his previous club, Great Wakering Rovers. Benjamin replaced the injured Jay Saunders but defender Tommy Osborne had to settle for a place on the bench following his move from Thamesmead Town.

The visitors could have gone ahead early on when Justin Roberts' shot almost deflected into the path of Byron Harrison, but the danger passed.

Margate then constructed a neat move involving Jones and Aaron Lacy, but Lacy's ball across goal was just too strong for Leroy Huggins, looking to continue his superb goalscoring form.

Harrison, partnering Richard Jolly in attack for Carshalton, was 24 hours from becoming a

Gate player when Mark Butler was in charge at Hartsdown.

Butler's subsequent switch to Surrey saw Harrison make the move to Colston Avenue and it was almost inevitable that he should open the scoring, pouncing on a rebound when Jamie Turner palmed the ball out.

James Pinnock fed Benjamin as Margate looked to respond instantly, but the debutant was unable to turn the ball home as the visitors took their slender lead into the break.

The second-half opened with Jones creating a yard of space for himself and firing narrowly wide, but Harrison should have made the points safe soon after when he ran through one-on-one with Turner. His shot was weak and it

rolled wide of Turner's upright as the home fans breathed a sigh of relief.

That relief turned to joy in the 72nd minute, though, as Jones produced a moment of magic to restore parity. Pinnock, Grant Cooper and Dan Stubbs all had a hand in the move which resulted in Jones collecting possession on the left and cutting in before sending a delicate lob over the head of Robins keeper Nick Hamann.

If either side looked likely to snatch a late winner, however, it was Carshalton, but it remained 1-1 at full-time, leaving Margate with a mountain still to climb to avoid relegation.

Margate were in action last night as they travelled to Dartford. Log on to www.yourthanet.co.uk for match details.

Late goals guide Rams to win over high-flyers

FOOTBALL

BY STEVE Tervet

Godalming Town 1

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Ramsgate 2

Mickelborough 74 pen, Lockyer 85

TWO second-half strikes gave Ramsgate one of their best results of the season, while putting a significant dent in Godalming Town's own play-off chances.

Gary Mickelborough came off the bench to equalise from the penalty spot before Gary Lockyer gave the latest indication of his huge potential with a terrific winner to seal the win.

The Rams went into the game with just one win in 13 games, while Godalming, kept out of the top five only by their three-point deduction, boasted five wins from seven outings.

To make things tougher, Will Graham and Tom Tsangarides were missing through injury and illness while Mickelborough and Danny Twyman were fit enough only for a place on the bench. Lockyer made a rare start in attack alongside Joe Taylor while Luke Wheatley retained his place in a youthful back four.

The first goal arrived on the half-hour when Adam Bernard was picked out, unmarked, and headed Chuck Martini's side in front – a lead they held at the half-time interval.



Picture: DAVE STEWART

Ramsgate starting XI



Sub used: Mickelborough (Lawson 62)

Mickelborough picked himself up to score from the spot and Lockyer then took centre-stage in the 85th minute.

Running clear of two tackles, he looked up and picked his spot from 25 yards, curling a superb effort into the top corner to the delight of his manager.

Ward: "If he turns in more of those performances, he'll start a lot more games. The result didn't surprise me because we've done well against the top sides this season."

"If I could put my finger on what's happened this season, I'd be a world beater. We started poorly, went to the top of the form table and then the snow came. The last three games have been decent and we're looking to finish the season strongly."

Having now recorded back-to-back away wins, the Rams will look to end a winless run of seven home games when they welcome Walton & Hersham to Southwood on Saturday.

Last night, Ramsgate made the short journey to face Kent rivals Whitstable Town. Log on to www.yourthanet.co.uk for match details.

PENALTY: Substitute Gary Mickelborough's spot-kick got Ramsgate back into the game

However, the Gs changed their formation for the second-half and Ramsgate began to gain a foothold in the game. Jim Ward introduced Mickelborough for right-back Rhys Lawson and the tide began to turn the way of the visitors.

It was Mickelborough who burst through the Godalming defence with 16 minutes to go, only to be hauled down and a penalty awarded.

Thanet smash Maidstone to end season at home on a high

RUGBY

Thanet Wanderers 66 Maidstone 7

AFTER three consecutive defeats, Thanet Wanderers returned to form in emphatic style on Saturday as they crushed a dejected Maidstone side at St Peter's.

The visitor's relegation has been on the cards for virtually the whole season and the campaign cannot end quickly enough as they lurch from one heavy defeat to another.

For Thanet, though, this was the perfect tonic after league and cup losses to leaders Gravesend and they need just a point from their last three games to make themselves mathematically safe in London 1 South for another season.

The Wanderers' pack dictated the pattern of play all afternoon and it was their driving force which led to Ryan Copp's early try as Thanet set the scoreboard ticking.

Tom Ash then produced a sparkling display of wing-play to compile a first-half hat-trick as Thanet began to steam out of sight, in spite of the competitive nature of the game.

Maidstone's miserable afternoon then got worse when Neil Graves departed with an ankle injury just before the break, with Thanet already leading 33-0.

The hosts were disappointed to concede a try ten minutes into the second period – Charlie Simpson feeding Mark Ryan, who touched down with Mike Molloy adding the extras.

However, the Thanet pack continued to overpower Maidstone and two late break-



Picture: DAVE STEWART

EMPHATIC: Thanet Wanderers stormed to their biggest triumph of the season, against Maidstone

away tries added gloss to the scoreline – their biggest win of the season.

The game was Wanderers' last at home in 2009/10, with trips to Cobham, Sidcup and Old Colfeians coming up between now and the end of the season.

HOCKEY



Picture: KICKUP

OPENER: Jack Bradley put Cliftonville in the lead

Ville battle to win as tempers fray against dogged Williamsonian

Old Williamsonsians 0 Cliftonville 3

CLIFTONVILLE took a step closer to the Kent Division Two title on Saturday with a hard-fought victory against lowly Old Williamsonsians 2nd XI.

Following last week's frustration when opponents Gore Court forfeited and caused Ville to miss yet another week of hockey, the visitors came out fresh and determined to claim another three points.

Confused by the Williamsonsians team, which seemed to have completely changed from the reverse fixture earlier in the season, Ville were aware of the possibility of a greater challenge in front of them.

For the first ten minutes, the teams couldn't be split but Ville grabbed the lead through a scruffy Jack Bradley goal after an excellent move down the right flank. Dan McGrath extended Ville's lead, after a deliberate foot on the line led to a penalty flick.

Decisions

Realising they were in a game for the first time in the second half of the season, Ville knew they needed to improve to complete the victory. For the first ten minutes of the second period they played some of their best hockey and Graeme van der Merwe poached a goal to make the score 3-0.

The remainder of the game was marred by some poor sportsmanship and questionable decisions from the opposition umpire. Scott Roberts saw yellow following an exchange with an opposition player and he was swiftly followed by Seth Simmons, whose questionable challenge on the edge of the 'D' was deemed to be worthy of a yellow card.

Elsewhere at the club, with one game of their promotion-winning season now remaining, Cliftonville's ladies fell flat on Saturday as they slipped to a 1-0 home defeat against New Becehamian.

The only goal of the game came courtesy of a New Beccs counter-attack and although Ville dominated possession, their normal flair and sharpness was severely lacking.

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LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

RYMAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Dartford	32	22	4	6	+43	70
2 Kingstonian	35	18	6	11	+9	60
3 Sutton United	33	16	8	9	+17	56
4 Hastings United	34	15	8	11	+9	53
5 Boreham Wood	34	16	4	14	+5	52
6 Aveley	32	14	6	12	+10	48
7 Wealdstone	31	12	12	7	+1	48
8 Tonbridge Angels	33	14	6	13	0	48
9 Tooting & Mitcham	35	13	9	13	-1	48
10 AFC Hornchurch	33	12	11	10	+2	47
11 Canvey Island	34	13	8	13	0	47
12 Horsham	34	13	6	15	+1	45
13 Harrow Borough	33	11	10	12	0	43
14 Ashford Town (Mx)	34	11	10	13	-6	43
15 Hendon	32	12	6	14	-1	42
16 Cray Wanderers	35	12	6	17	-17	42
17 Billericay Town	33	10	10	13	-1	40
18 Maidstone United	33	10	9	14	-12	39
19 Carshalton Athletic	33	8	11	14	-10	35
20 Waltham Abbey	32	9	7	16	-15	34
21 Bognor Regis Town	32	7	12	13	-12	33
22 Margate	33	8	9	16	-22	33

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Croydon Athletic	31	20	6	5	+37	66
2 Worthing	34	21	3	10	+27	66
3 Folkestone Invicta (-10)	33	23	6	4	+24	65
4 Fleet Town	34	18	5	11	+20	59
5 Walton & Hersham	34	16	7	11	+9	55
6 Godalming Town (-3)	31	18	3	10	+16	54
7 Leatherhead	32	15	6	11	+16	51
8 Burgess Hill Town	32	14	9	9	+8	51
9 Sittingbourne	31	15	5	11	+19	50
10 Horsham YMCA	36	12	13	11	+5	49
11 Metropolitan Police	33	13	9	11	+10	48
12 Whyteleafe	34	13	5	16	+5	44
13 Ramsgate	33	11	11	11	-3	44
14 Corinthian-Casuals	34	13	3	18	-14	42
15 Chatham Town	34	13	3	18	-15	42
16 Dulwich Hamlet	33	10	10	13	-5	40
17 Mersham	34	10	9	15	-14	39
18 Chipstead	33	8	7	18	-17	31
19 Ashford Town	31	7	8	16	-29	29
20 Eastbourne Town	34	6	10	18	-30	28
21 Walton Casuals	35	6	8	21	-25	26
22 Whitstable Town	32	8	2	22	-44	26

FIXTURES (Saturday): Ryman League Premier Division: Boreham Wood v Margate; Ryman Division One South: Ramsgate v Walton & Hersham



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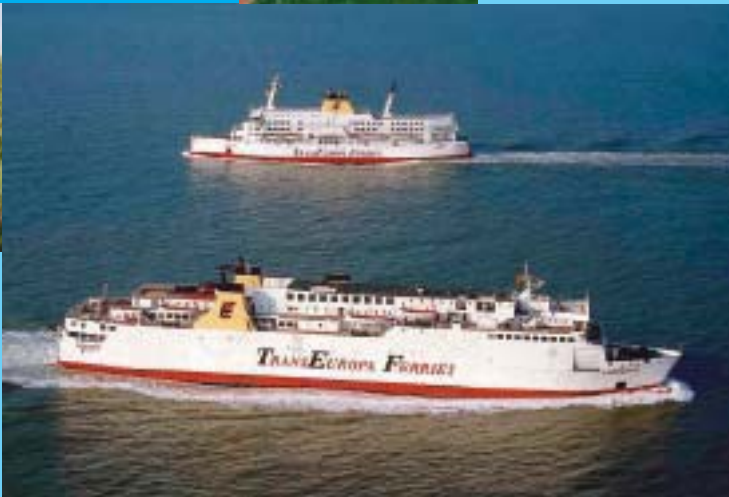
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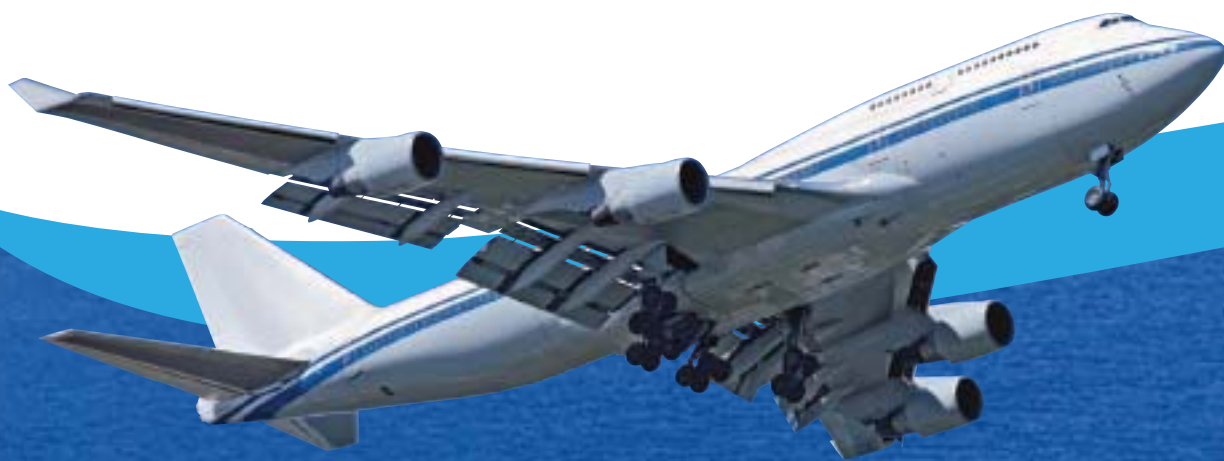


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